



ROB MITCHELL MP

Budget 2017

A note from Rob...

Families across our community are the biggest losers from this Budget, which supports big business and high income earners at the expense of everyday Australians.

The Prime Minister has given himself a \$6784 tax cut and the Treasurer gets a \$3864 tax cut, while over 100,000 people in McEwen will see their tax burden increase in as little as two years.

Less than 12 months ago I committed over \$180 million for our towns and suburbs under a Labor Government.

Some are saying that this is a "Labor Lite" Budget, but from where I sit this looks nothing like a Labor Budget.

It might look like a Labor Budget to some, but there are savage cuts hiding, just below the surface. These cuts will hit families who rely on Family Tax Benefit Part A, just to put food on the table. It hits mums trying to return to work after raising their kids.

A Labor Budget wouldn't hurt families, pensioners and schools to give millionaires and big business a tax handout.



This Government has delivered zip - zero - nothing.

This is as bad a budget as we have seen in the Outer North. Where is the funding for roads that we desperately need? The health services, the community facilities, broadband, mobile blackspots, new schools - they are all missing for us in this budget.

Where is the funding for infrastructure in the Outer North and the towns to the North of Melbourne?

We need investment in our roads and infrastructure now and Malcolm Turnbull cannot, or will not, deliver it for us.

There is no sign that Malcolm Turnbull and the Liberals even know we exist. We see an awful lot of money in there for Sydney, for Western Australia and Queensland but not one red cent for us.

That's because he doesn't believe it, believe in it, and his party doesn't believe in it either. Scott Morrison says this isn't a Budget he wanted to deliver.

It's a Budget designed to save Malcolm Turnbull's job.

This Budget fails the fairness test – Australians will never trust Malcolm Turnbull to deliver a fair budget.

This Budget fails the jobs test – unemployment is going up.

This Budget fails the Medicare test – the Government has delayed reversing its unfair cuts to Medicare for three years.

This Budget is just another reminder that if we want Canberra to know we exist - we have to change the government.

Some key points which should concern our communities are:

- Malcolm Turnbull and Scott Morrison said this budget was about choices – and they have chosen big business over middle and working class families, and multinationals over Medicare.
- This is a Budget for millionaires, not working people.
- As a result of the Budget, someone earning a million dollars will pay \$16,400 less tax this year, while someone on \$65,000 will pay \$325 more tax in two years' time.

Kind regards,

Rob Mitchell MP

Turnbull Duds Victoria We Need Infrastructure Funding

This Budget delivers for New South Wales, and ignores Victoria. Isn't there an extra \$1 billion for Victoria? Yet again, we see another Sydney-centric Budget from this anti-Victorian Turnbull Government.

\$1.46 billion is owed to Victoria under the asset recycling agreement signed in 2014, for investment in Victorian projects – and the Andrews Labor Government had a plan to use this funding to revive regional rail across Victoria.

This Budget included no new major projects to support the massive growth of our communities North of Melbourne. It forces more of us into that bumper to bumper commute South each morning and North each evening.

New South Wales received their full \$2.2 billion allocation for projects of their choice under the same agreement.

Every resident of McEwen loses from Malcolm Turnbull's Budget.

Victoria's share of infrastructure funding remains at less than 10 per cent, a massive shortfall compared to our population share of 25 per cent.

At the same time as dudding Victorians, Malcolm Turnbull has confirmed he will fully fund a new airport (and a train line to it) in Sydney.



Government Fails Again On Housing Affordability

The Government's so called housing package does not stack up. Right across Australia, people are locked out of the housing market and the Government needs to act.

The number of investors with at least 5 properties is growing at three times the rate of those with just one property.

Rates of property investment have been at record highs.

Home ownership rates for 25 to 34 year olds have collapsed from around 60% to 40% over the past 30 years.

Rates of first home ownership are at record lows.

House prices have risen 30% on average across the country since the Liberals came to office

Home ownership is at 60-year lows.



Opposition Leader Bill Shorten and Rob talking housing at Cloverton

Malcolm Turnbull and Scott Morrison had a chance to reform negative gearing and capital gains and they have failed – worse still, they are undermining the retirement incomes of young Australians.

The measures in this Budget tinker at the edges but will do absolutely nothing to put first home buyers back on to a level playing field with investors, or take the heat out of the housing market.

These housing affordability measures fail the fairness test - it is a grab-bag of poorly planned

measures that will not address key drivers of housing; things like winding back negative gearing and capital gains tax discount.

Labor is the only party with a plan to increase affordable housing supply and tackle demand issues associated with the most generous tax concessions in the world.

The Labor Party is committed to tackling negative gearing and capital gains tax. We will remove tax breaks which give every investor a head start and every option, while those buying their first home support them.

The plan announced in this Budget is not a solution; it is false hope for people who do not have rich parents. Labor will not support this cruel hoax. But we will deliver on our plan for affordable housing, driving the construction of 55,000 new homes over three years and creating 25,000 jobs every year.

Education Cuts Impacting Students, From Preps to Post-Grads

Whether it is schools, higher education or skills training and TAFE, this Government has failed to deliver yet again on education.

Despite the Liberals' promises in 2013 to match Labor's school funding "dollar for dollar", Malcolm Turnbull will continue to cut \$22 billion from our classrooms over the next decade.

They are hoping no one notices that when you cut \$30 billion, then announce you're putting \$8 billion back, that isn't more funding – that is a massive slashing of our school's budgets.

Schools

The Government says they are putting more money into schools, but what they're leaving out is that it is \$22 billion less than Labor would have delivered.

Over the next two years alone, Labor would have invested about \$3 billion more than the Liberals in schools.

The Budget confirmed that Malcolm Turnbull will cut \$22 billion from schools, which means every Australian school will lose an average of \$2.4 million. It's the equivalent of sacking 22,000 teachers.

To add insult to injury, around 90 per cent of the Liberals' much lower funding for schools won't begin to flow until five years from now.

Public schools will be hit particularly hard. Because of the cuts, only one in seven public schools will reach a fair level of funding, even after ten years.

Catholic parish schools have warned the cuts will force them to raise fees, or possibly close.

There is no decent funding or detail about how students with disability will be supported.

Labor will fight Malcolm Turnbull's cuts to schools.

These are just some of the schools that will be impacted by this continued failure on education funding:

SCHOOL FUNDING CUT

UNI FEES UP

TAFE FUNDING CUT

**ALL TO PAY FOR A \$65 BILLION
TAX BREAK FOR BIG BUSINESS**

Tafe

Instead of investing in local jobs and skills, Malcolm Turnbull's unfair Budget has cut funding to TAFE, vocational education and apprenticeships yet again.

This Budget will cut over \$600 million more from TAFE and vocational education over the next four years, compared to current arrangements.

This comes on top of almost \$3 billion in existing cuts to TAFE, skills and training, and a loss of over 130,000 apprentices since 2013.

We are a community full of people who make things, who use their practical skills to build our communities. This Budget does absolutely nothing for TAFE and it cuts skills and apprenticeships yet again.

Only Labor will properly fund schools. That's because we believe every child, in every classroom, deserves every opportunity.



Touring Goonawarra Primary with Principal Alan Fairweather

School	How Much Worse Off Every Year?
Mount Ridley P-12 College	\$ 1,600,000
Hazel Glen College	\$ 1,200,000
Seymour College	\$ 1,100,000
Gisborne Secondary College	\$ 800,000
Sunbury College	\$ 800,000
Wallan Secondary School	\$ 800,000
Whittlesea Secondary College	\$ 700,000
Sunbury Downs Secondary College	\$ 600,000
The Lakes P-9 School	\$ 600,000
Broadford Secondary College	\$ 500,000
Laurimar Primary School	\$ 500,000
Aitken Creek Primary School	\$ 500,000
Willmott Park Primary School	\$ 500,000
Sunbury And Macedon Ranges Specialist School	\$ 500,000
Mernda Primary School	\$ 400,000

Labor's Budget Reply

There is a world of difference between the Labor Party and this Government.

Our policies are the real deal because they reflect our values.

They weren't made up in a panic to try and solve political problems.

"There is nothing fair about making middle class and working class Australians pay more while millionaires and multinational pay less." – Bill Shorten, Budget Reply, May 11 2017

On Thursday May 11, two days after the Turnbull government delivered its "reset" on Australia's economic future, Opposition Leader Bill Shorten laid out the Australian Labor Party's vision for economic fairness, stability and growth for Australia.

This Government is clinging to corporate tax cuts which not only don't help the Budget bottom line - they blow a \$65 billion hole in it. Labor will close loopholes that allow businesses to hide the true state of their affairs and move money offshore, while making sure individuals at the top end are paying their fair share.

In 2014-15, 48 Australians earned more than \$1 million and paid no tax at all, not even the Medicare levy; instead, using clever tax lawyers, they deducted their income down from an average of \$2.5 million to below the tax-free threshold.

Instead of scaring and blaming voters, through Welfare Crackdown 9.0 and setting robo-debt collectors loose, Labor will get tough on the people who earn and owe big dollars — that is fair.

The government says this is a Budget for 'better days ahead'. What they mean is:

- Better days for millionaires and multinationals
- Better days for property investors and tax-minimisers
- Better days for the big end of town

But bad news for battlers.

There's only one party the parliament that believes in fairness and delivers it:

- Fair funding for education
- Fair protection for Medicare and the safety net
- A fair deal for Australians with disability
- A fair chance at a job - and a fair wage at work, including penalty rates
- A fair start in the housing market.

And a fair deal for the generation that follows us:

- Taking action on climate change
- Equal pay for women
- Tackling inequality
- Closing the gap

Building a country as generous and courageous as Australians themselves.

And if our country is to achieve better days ahead, then Australia needs:

- A better government.
- A fairer government.
- A Labor Government - for all Australians.

A Labor Budget would protect penalty rates	not cut them.
A Labor Budget would fund schools properly	not rip money away.
A Labor Budget would invest in universities	not jack-up fees to discourage working class-kids.
A Labor Budget would respect pensioners	not tell brickies and nurses to work til they're 70.
A Labor Budget would level the playing field for affordable housing	not protect tax-breaks for property investors.
A Labor Budget would rescue TAFE	instead of cutting courses and closing campuses.
A Labor Budget would stand up for middle class and working class families	instead of taking their money and giving it to millionaires and multinationals.
And a Labor Budget will always protect Medicare.	

Heading Your Way June and July

Because the best way to represent people is to hear from them, my travelling street stalls are back.

I'll be visiting these local areas on the following dates in June and July:

Tuesday 27th June 11:30am – 12:30pm
Romsey IGA, Main St, Romsey
1:30pm – 2:30pm
Lancefield High St, Lancefield

Thursday 29th June 9:30am – 10:30am
Coles, 101 Sydney St, Kilmore
11:15am – 12:15pm
The Mall, Station St, Seymour

Tuesday 11th July 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Gisborne Village Coles, Aitken St, Gisborne
3:30pm – 4:30pm
Sunbury Square, Evans St, Sunbury

Thursday 13th July 9:30am-10:30am
Laurimar Town Shopping Centre, Hazel Glen Dve, Laurimar
10:45am – 11:45am
Mernda Village Shopping Centre, Kalkallo Way, Mernda

Tuesday 18th July 11:30am– 3:00pm
Lancefield High St, Lancefield
3:30pm – 4:30pm
Romsey IGA, Main St, Romsey

Tuesday 25th July 9.30am-10.30am
Whittlesea IGA, Church Street Whittlesea

Please feel free to stop by for a chat to discuss any issues or questions you may have.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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