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**‘Institutions like McKell
make a big difference in
the world and I am glad
to be here with you.’**

HARVARD PROFESSOR EMERITUS
AND FORMER SECRETARY
TO THE US TREASURY
LAWRENCE H. SUMMERS SPEAKING
AT A MCKELL INSTITUTE BREAKFAST
IN SYDNEY, 6 DECEMBER 2018



OUTGOING CHAIR'S STATEMENT

Hon. John Watkins AM



By any measure the past twelve months has been a busy and successful time for the McKell Institute. With its capable and efficient staff and fellows, the Institute has developed into a powerful and respected institute, forging a unique place in Australia's policy landscape.

The McKell Institute is proudly progressive in its policy agenda and this has been strongly supported by its members and supporters.

A real strength of the Institute has been the support it receives from its union and corporate members. That support has been loyal, intelligent and generous, enabling us to produce influential and thought provoking research, and gather Australia's brightest minds in policy forums and events exploring the future of our country.

This will be my last report before my retirement after seven years as Chair of the McKell Institute. During this period, the Institute has shown sustained growth and adaptation, branching into Victoria (2017) and Queensland (2018). This is a testament to the thirst of progressive policy development across the eastern seaboard.

I'd like to also acknowledge a significant change proposed by my fellow directors to introduce a 50/50 gender quota for our board to reach within six months. We reached our goal at one meeting with credit to outgoing members Tim Ayres and Bruce Hawker whom graciously stepped down from a longstanding commitment to the board; I thank them for their dedication and contribution.

I would also like to take the opportunity to single out two individuals. Firstly, a special thank you to Peter Bentley, founder and director of the McKell Institute. Without Peter's vision and energy, the Institute would not have earned its place in the Australian public policy debate eight years ago. Peter's contributions are greatly missed after he stepped down from the board in 2018.

Secondly, thank you to our very enthusiastic and capable Chief Executive Officer Sam Crosby, who has shown unwavering tenacity and hard work, efficacy and ability to mobilize his colleagues with intelligence and confidence. To the Board of Directors, a sincere thank you for your commitment, participation and invaluable contributions.

Finally, I'd like to welcome the Institute's new Chair Dr Craig Emerson. With thirty-five years of experience in public policy, politics and public service, I have no doubt that Craig will govern the Institute with inspiring and fresh leadership and successfully continue to grow one of the country's most influential think tanks.

In closing, 2019 will see important elections at State and Federal level. I am very confident that the McKell Institute will continue to play a significant role in the debate on key domestic questions; delivering insightful and relevant policies, ideas and forums. The need for substantial, well-written and articulated policies has never been greater.

CEO STATEMENT

Sam Crosby

In 2009, when McKell's founding Executive Director Peter Bentley first told me about his idea for a new 'think tank,' I didn't fully understand the potential impact of what he was describing.

Australia's think tank scene at the time was uninspiring – struggling for relevance, funds, and attention. It was impossible to draw parallels with the dynamic, competitive, and combative think tank culture in the United States. We weren't in a different league; we were playing different sports.

We're ten years on from that initial conversation and it's now impossible to consider the Australian political landscape without its thriving ecosystem of think tanks. Thanks to the foresight of Peter, and some truly outstanding work from a range of key individuals, the McKell Institute is positioned right in the thick of it.

McKell now operates in three states, each with their own boards, members, and executive directors. We work cooperatively with political parties, bureaucracies, and independent agencies to grapple with the biggest challenges in the country.

Tax reform, infrastructure, wages, energy, environmental policy – McKell has claimed a pivotal role in major policy debates. We are now relied upon as a truly thoughtful source of thought leadership; capable of providing innovative yet practical answers to seemingly intractable problems.

Our team of policy staff and associated experts are opinion shapers in their various fields. Our events team hosted some 50 headliners last year alone, providing our members and stakeholders unique opportunities to engage with the most influential experts and decision makers – from around the corner and around the world.



As CEO, I have always considered my job straightforward. I continue to evangelise the excellent idea Peter had ten years ago. I coordinate an expert and professional staff, whose thoughts and organisational abilities impress me each day. I maintain an ongoing conversation with our membership, who consistently stimulate me with myriad ideas on how to approach devious problems. And I draw heavily on my board and in particular on my Chair; John Watkins, thank you for your guidance, support, and rigour. He has been invaluable to me and to the Institute, and I wish him all the best for the future.

We have exciting plans to grow and strengthen the McKell Institute from here. But, to be completely honest, I can't predict what the future holds. Our previous business plans and mission statements have consistently underestimated the growth we've ended up achieving.

What I am certain of is that with our special combination of members, staff, and leadership the future is very bright.



STEVE BRACKS AC,
CHAIR OF THE MCKELL INSTITUTE
VICTORIA AT THE LAUNCH IN
MELBOURNE, 14 FEBRUARY 2017

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE MCKELL INSTITUTE VICTORIA STATEMENT

James Pawluk



After two years up and running in Victoria our events and research programs are now operating at full steam.

Our members have valued hearing directly from cabinet ministers about their immediate priorities and challenges that are occupying their mind, as well as the opportunity to participate in long-ranging discussions with regulators and departmental secretaries.

It's also been pleasing to see how our work can take hold organically, not only through the media, but also through more formal policy-making channels. For instance a number of the ideas in our *Getting Melbourne Moving* report, have since been fleshed out further and explored by Infrastructure Victoria.

This year we also began experimenting with new models of 'think-tanking' designed to give our members increased opportunity to be part of the policy dialogue and problem-solving process. Our most recent workshop promoting vehicle electrification and sharing brought together private and public sector experts to tease out the policy opportunities that could help drive these two important trends.

With the public appetite for bold and progressive policies at all levels of government stronger than ever, we are excited about continuing our work over the coming years and bringing more voices into the Mckell conversation.



ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP,
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND, WITH
MARIANNA O'GORMAN AT THE
LAUNCH OF THE MCKELL INSTITUTE
QUEENSLAND IN BRISBANE,
7 AUGUST 2018

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE MCKELL INSTITUTE QUEENSLAND STATEMENT

Marianna O'Gorman

This year, the Mckell Institute opened its doors in Queensland, welcomed by the Premier who said *"the Institute has a strong track record of producing thought-provoking well-considered research."*

The Institute has been vocal in advocating for policy changes to address inequities in superannuation, particularly women's super. Two key changes: abolishing the \$450 threshold which disproportionately impacts women and paying superannuation on the Federal Government's Paid Parental Leave policy are now being discussed at the Federal level and are key recommendations of the Institute's *Guaranteeing Women's Super* report.

The Institute has also been vocal on environmental policy. In 2018, Queensland introduced a plastic bag ban, a container refund scheme and announced new investment in waste-to-energy, but more work is needed at the national level. The establishment of a National Environmental Protection Agency is a policy recommendation the Institute has offered as part of our report, *Stopping the Spread*, and is likely to be debated as part of the 2019 election.

A key focus for the Institute has always been on wages and inequality. Our report, *Wage Theft, Economic Distress* estimated that upwards of 500,000 Queensland workers are not being paid their full entitlements, with underpayment of superannuation being the main problem area. The Institute's research formed part of the Queensland Parliamentary Committee Inquiry's final report, with changes to crack down on underpayment of superannuation now being discussed at the Federal level.

The Institute hosted a range of policy forums and events this year, but one, in particular, left a lasting impact on me. It was a small climate dialogue with His Excellency Anote Tong, the Former President of Kiribati, a tiny island nation to Australia's east that is slowly sinking because of climate change. In a soft, but impassioned voice, he shared some of his biggest worries with the room:

"I watch my grandchildren and know that they won't have a home when they grow up. I don't know if I will be around, in some ways I hope I won't be, because it will save me the agony of having to watch. The enormity of what we are facing is paralysing"

A poignant reminder of the importance of public policy and debate, as decisions our leaders take today have far-ranging consequences not only on the economy and its people but on future generations and the region.



‘Politics should be a contest of ideas, so it’s great to see the Mckell Institute Queensland open its doors for business. Governments won’t always agree with what you say but it’s about having a conversation.’

ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP,
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Key Events

HEALTH

Our year in health policy began with **Brad Hazzard MP**, NSW Minister for Health and Medical Research and **Catherine King MP**, Shadow Minister for Health and Medicare. **Professor Andrew Wilson** addressed pharmaceutical policy and **Steven Miles MP**, QLD Minister for Health, Minister for Ambulance Services spoke on Telehealth.



EDUCATION

The McKell Institute welcomed the Deputy Leader of the Labor Party and Shadow Minister for Education and Training **Tanya Plibersek MP** to address a large forum at UTS with NSW Shadow Minister for Education **Jihad Dib MP**. **Amanda Rishworth MP**, Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Education and Development spoke to her portfolio at a Victorian boardroom lunch.

ECONOMICS

Kieran Gilbert, Sky News' Chief Political Correspondent and former Premier of Victoria **Steve Bracks AC**, joined us for a panel on politics and economics. **Dr. Craig Emerson**, former Minister for Small Business and Trade joined the Institute for an economic outlook policy forum with **Dr. John Hewson**, Professor and Chair, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute. Our annual Pre-Budget Address with the Leader of the Labor Party **Bill Shorten MP** was regarded a great success at Sofitel Wentworth Sydney. Other speakers included Premier of NSW **Gladys Berejiklian MP**, Shadow Assistant Treasurer **Andrew Leigh MP** and Lord Mayor **Clover Moore**, **Peter Harris AO**, the former Chairman of the Productivity Commission and **Kerri Hartland**, Secretary of the Department of Jobs and Small Business.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Carolyn McNally, Secretary of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment addressed McKell on the future of residential planning in Sydney. **Anthony Roberts MP**, NSW Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister of State spoke to key workers' housing. **Luke Donnellan MP**, Victorian Minister for Roads and Road Safety and **Corey Hannett**, Coordinator-General Major Transports Infrastructure Program addressed Victorian members on transport policy. Both **Mark Bailey MP**, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, and **Cameron Dick MP** Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure & Planning contributed to the policy discussion in Queensland.

SUPERANNUATION

Chris Bowen MP, Shadow Treasurer of Australia kicked off the series exploring superannuation and the economy. Other speakers to feature in this series included **Helen Rowell**, Deputy Chair of APRA, **Karen Chester**, Deputy Chair of the Productivity Commission and **Rosemary Huxtable PSM**, Secretary of the Australian Department of Finance.



CLIMATE

The McKell Institute Victoria began the conversation on climate with **Lily D'Ambrosio MP**, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change. **Leeanne Enoch MP**, QLD Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts discussed the recent policy changes to plastic bans in the state. We also hosted **Ian Learmonth**, CEO of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation.



FINANCE

We hosted **John Fraser**, former Secretary to the Australian Treasury. **Governor Philip Lowe** of the RBA outlined the financial climate of 2018 while QLD Deputy Premier and Treasurer **Jackie Trad MP** talked post-budget in Townsville. **Jim Chalmers MP**, Shadow Minister for Finance addressed a boardroom lunch in Victoria and we ended the year with NSW Treasurer **Dominic Perrottet MP** reflecting on GST and the Federation.



INTERNATIONAL

In 2018, the McKell Institute had the pleasure of hosting leading international economist and Nobel Prize winner, and recipient of the 2018 Sydney Peace Prize **Joseph Stiglitz**. **Dr. Jonathan Hall**, Chief Economist and Director of Public Policy, Uber spoke on the changing nature and future of transport and the gig economy. McKell Victoria and Queensland hosted former President of Kiribati **His Excellency Anote Tong** at a small roundtable on climate change policy. Our final event of the year was **Lawrence H. Summers**, Professor Emeritus at Harvard University and former Secretary to the US Treasury.

Reports

In 2018, The McKell Institute continued to contribute significantly to the national conversation with more than 20 major projects, discussion papers and analyses injecting new ideas and fresh arguments into economic, environmental, energy, social, trade and housing policy debates, and much more.

ECONOMY & SOCIETY

Wage Theft, Economic Distress: The Impact of wage theft on Queensland's Workers and Economy

This report quantified the impact of wage theft on the Queensland economy and identified the various forms of non-payments prevalent and the economic impact.

Stalling Wages, Falling Growth: Getting Australia out of the wage suppression trap

This report was the first of a suite of reports that underlined the current problems impacting wages and inflation in Australia and identified ways through which employers, industries and the government can collaborate to give all Australians an opportunity to earn a decent income and living standards.

The Social Benefits of Economic Ties: The scope for an Australia-UK Free Trade Agreement

This paper discussed how governments could take a proactive approach to securing public support for free trade agreements in an age of increasing social and economic insecurity.

High Risk, Low Reward: The challenges of deregulating South Australia's retail trading hours

This report explored the impact that trading hours deregulation would have in South Australia and identified the outcome of the proposal on the South Australian economy and its key stakeholders.

Mapping Opportunity: A national index on wages and income

This report introduced the second of McKell's opportunity indexes: The McKell Institute Index for Earnings. It mapped the most advantaged and disadvantaged electorates nationally in terms of their access to wages using key determinants and explained the growing inequality in incomes across the top percentiles and the low-income earners, and the low mobility in income through generations.

The Impact of penalty rate cuts on national growth trends

This report concluded our extensive work on penalty rate cuts and the impact it had on national economic indicators for 2017.

ISSUES IN FOCUS

Levelling the playing field: The economic case for reforming negative gearing

This report followed on and updated the findings from McKell's 2015 report on negative gearing whose core components were adopted by the Federal Opposition as their official policy components for the housing market.

Trading up: A reform package for a stronger TAFE NSW

This report explored the changing role of vocational education and training in NSW and the challenges facing TAFE in NSW offering reforms that target funding, teacher qualifications, improved engagement with industry, skills shortage areas, technological adaptation, and encourage business investment to help the sector and TAFE thrive.

Delivering More: How collaboration with Australia Post can benefit Victorians

This report took a look at the complexities involved in achieving collaboration between different government departments and provided an economic case for increased collaboration in order to support Australia Post against digital disruption.

The place to make: The future of Manufacturing in Australia

This report explored the role of the manufacturing sector in Victoria as a substantial source of employment and calls for investment in skills, creating a more commercial and collaborative culture and improving connections with global and domestic markets.

MEET THE EXPERTS

Dr. Andrew Leigh MP

Shadow Assistant Treasurer and Federal Member for Fenner in the ACT.

Professor Elisabetta Magnani

Head of the Department of Economics at Macquarie University.

Professor Colm Harmon

Vice-Provost (Academic Performance) School of Economics, University of Sydney.

Professor Richard Holden

AGSM Scholar, Professor & ARC Future Fellow, UNSW Business School.

Dr. Fazeel Jaleel

Lecturer, Department of Economics, Macquarie University.

Professor Peter Whiteford

Professor, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University.

Dr. Melissa Wong

Research Fellow, Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales.

Peter Davidson

Senior Advisor with the Australian Council of Social Service.

Sophie Gaston

Deputy Director of Demos think tank, based in London.

Tom Startup

Associate Researcher in Demos' Modern Economy Programme.

Tristan Durie

Researcher, Analyst and Writer qualified in Law, Finance and Economics.

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

Encouraging Efficiency: Harnessing government initiatives to support the not-for-profit sector in NSW

This report focussed on the not-for-profit and Clubs sector in NSW and argued for policy certainty and support by the government to help mid-sized organisations who are unable to afford their increasing power bills and large upfront capital costs, to reduce their energy usage through energy efficient mechanisms and targeted funding.

Stopping the Spread: The issue of death by plastic in commonwealth marine areas and the Great Barrier Reef

This report explored the problem of marine litter in Australia, providing strategies whose implementation could reduce our marine footprint and expand the knowledge base on the types of litter that exist in the seas and oceans surrounding Australia.

The Cost of Inaction: The impact of wholesale gas prices on average household power bills in QLD, NSW and VIC

This report identified the patterns in household power prices across the Australian east coast energy grid at an electorate level and the influence that forecast gas prices could have on future household energy prices, and the main drivers of escalating gas prices.

The Cost of Inaction: Addendum 1

This report updated the findings from 'The Cost of Inaction' and expanded the results to include South Australia and Tasmania. It illustrated how the average gas bill varied in each state in the last year

MEET THE EXPERTS

Jeff Angel

Executive Director at the Total Environment Centre and Boomerang Alliance.

Dr. Jon Brodie

Professorial Fellow at the ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies, James Cook University.

Dr. Rebecca Taylor

Assistant Professor at the School of Economics at the University of Sydney.

Associate Professor Mark Hamann

Centre for Tropical Water and Aquatic Ecosystem Research at James Cook University.

Associate Professor Lynne Chester

Economist at Energy Researcher at the University of Sydney.

Dr. Archie Chapman

Research Fellow in Smart Grids at the University of Sydney, in the School of Electrical and Information Engineering, Centre for Future Energy Networks.

Dr. Ariel Liebman

Deputy Director of the Monash Energy Materials and Systems Institute and Senior Lecturer at Monash's Faculty of Information Technology.

HEALTH

Our health, Our wealth: The impact of ill health on retirement savings in Australia

This report developed models to provide estimates of the economic impact of retirement due to ill health and the implications for superannuation balances using a wide range of data sources from the ABS.

Keep NSW in a healthy state: Investing for a healthy future

This report reviewed the key drivers of the increased need and demand for healthcare expenditure in NSW and identified the broad dimensions of the investment that current and future NSW governments will need to make to meet those needs.

Picking the low-hanging fruit: Achieving a more equitable and sustainable health care system

This report explored one area in which policy makers can achieve notable costs savings while ensuring the quality of care is maintained. Through the strategic and selective uptake of complementary medicines, this report identifies significant cost savings that could be achieved across Australia's healthcare system.

SUPERANNUATION

Investing Superannuation for the public good: Creating new markets to benefit members and fund necessary investments

This report addressed the question of how superannuation trustees, whose funds dominate Australian capital markets, can ensure that they are investing their assets for the public good – in particular how to fund public infrastructure.

Guaranteeing Women's Super: How to close the gender gap in superannuation

This report explored targeted approaches that will help to overcome the gender gap in superannuation. It highlighted options to reform superannuation to make it fairer and lower the burden on the Commonwealth's budget in the long term as women are disproportionately disadvantaged when it comes to achieving retirement adequacy.

MEET THE EXPERTS

Professor Bruce Rasmussen

Director of Victoria Institute of Strategic Economic Studies (VISES) at Victoria University.

Dr. Kim Sweeney

Principal Projects Officer at VISES, Victoria University.

Alison Welsh

Research Fellow at VISES, Victoria University.

Neelam Maharaj

Research Fellow at VISES, Victoria University.

Dr. Ben Spies-Butcher

Senior Lecturer in Economy and Society in the Department of Sociology at Macquarie University.

Dr. Bob Davidson

Honorary Fellow in the Department of Sociology at Macquarie University.

Anthony Asher

Actuary and Associate Professor at the University of New South Wales Business School.

‘We all need to be pushed; that’s what the Mckell Institute has done so well and that’s what they’ll do down here.’

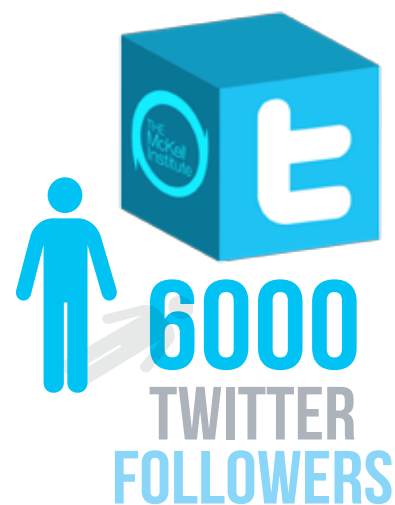
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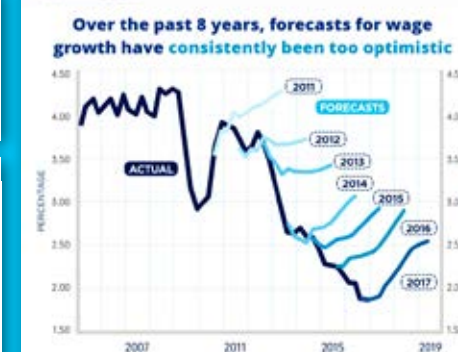
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BREAKING: We just launched a landmark report exposing the pervasiveness of wage theft in Queensland, and some broader national trends. #qldpol #auspol

The McKell Institute @McKellInstitute
We've cracked the numbers in the MYEFO to find out how much low wage growth is hurting the Budget.
The answer – a lot!
Up to \$119 billion in additional debt over 9 years and a wafer-thin \$0.8 billion surplus in 2019-20 if it continues. #auspol

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Our research has just found at least 437,000 Queenslanders, or 18% of the workforce, were likely to have not been paid their full wages and entitlements.
Read the full report here: <https://goo.gl/qeshix>



The McKell Institute
Published by Connor Wherrett [?] - May 30 · [?]
We need to stop with this myth that wage growth will automatically come with continued GDP growth.
If we want wages to grow, Australia needs proactive action, like a boost to the minimum wage.
Read more in our latest report: <https://mckellinstitute.org.au/stalling-wages-falling-gr/>



Australia needs a boost to wage growth

The McKell Institute @McKellInstitute
We're releasing our new report today detailing how there's no real case to deregulate South Australia's trading hours.

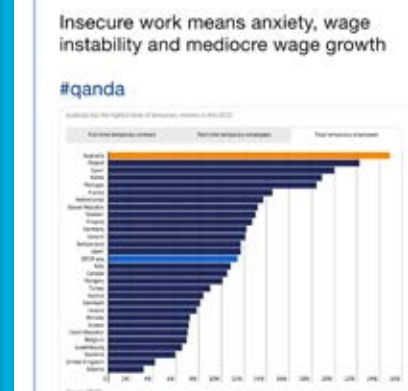
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IMPACT IN NUMBERS



245,000
TWEET
IMPRESSIONS
IN OCTOBER

13,000
WEBSITE
VISITS

9,000
AUSTRALIANS
TUNED IN FOR
TANYA PLIBERSEK
AND JIHAD DIB



620 MEMBERS
IN THE AUSTRALIAN
PUBLIC POLICY
DISCUSSION FORUM



50,000
MONTHLY
FACEBOOK
REACH



15,000
MONTHLY
FACEBOOK
ENGAGEMENT

#MCKELLFORUM REACHED 46,041 ACCOUNTS AND MADE 176,834 IMPRESSIONS

MCKELL STATS

+40%
MCKELL INSTITUTE
EVENTS ACROSS
3 STATES

+10%
ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS
WITH INCREASED
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IN THE MEDIA

QUEENSLAND ECONOMY

Our research found that at least 437,000 Queenslanders, or 18% of the workforce were likely to have not been paid their full wages and entitlements. It featured in *The Brisbane Times*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, and on *ABC AM* Brisbane Radio, November 2018 receiving a reach of over 22,900 on Facebook and Twitter.

GENDER GAP IN SUPER

Federal Labor announced their plan to improve women's superannuation security as recommended by the Institute's 2017 report *Guaranteeing Women's Super*. In September 2018, *The Courier* cited McKell's recommendations that in addition to parental leave payments being subject to the superannuation guarantee it should extend superannuation payments to mothers beyond the conclusion of 18 weeks paid parental leave.

GAS PREDICTIONS

Early February 2018, both *The Guardian* and *Sydney Morning Herald* revealed our analysis on the gas and electricity bills threat, predicting Australians to pay up to \$430 more under uncompetitive gas market. The forecast of power prices and their impact on households was again echoed on Channel 9's *A Current Affair* and Queensland's *The Chronicle* later in the year.

NEGATIVE GEARING

When our original report was published in 2015 the median house price in Sydney was \$880,000, but despite the property market decline in 2018, it remains at \$945,000. *The Guardian* and *ABC AM* addressed the need for negative gearing reform in our report released November 2018. Across the digital platform, over 30,000 users were exposed to this public policy area.



PLASTIC POLLUTION

Tony Burke MP, Federal Shadow Minister for the Arts and Environment officially launched our report *Stopping the Spread* with an interview on *ABC 24*. It attracted about 10,000 social media users to the debate with Instagram attracting an average of 250 views per post.

NATIONAL INDEX: WAGES AND PENALTY RATES

SBS News, *The Conversation* and the *ACTU* used our analysis of cuts to penalty rates in the lead up to the Fair Work Commission's decision late 2017. *The Sydney Morning Herald* reported on our Mapping Opportunity Index report in January 2018 with two articles answering the question 'Is there light on the hill for wage earners?'

Governance

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Marianna O'Gorman EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE MCKELL INSTITUTE QUEENSLAND.

Troy Spence BARRISTER.



‘We need a new social contract for the 21st century, and a new economic vision.’

JOSEPH STIGLITZ, 2018 SYDNEY PEACE PRIZE WINNER, NOBEL LAUREATE, CHIEF ECONOMIST ROOSEVELT INSTITUTE, SPEAKING AT A MCKELL INSTITUTE LUNCH IN SYDNEY, 5 NOVEMBER 2018

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