



MCKELL INSTITUTE QUEENSLAND

# 2020 REVIEW



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Since its establishment in 2018, the Queensland branch of The Mckell Institute has quickly set about establishing itself as a leading source of considered yet cutting edge public policy thought.

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Nationally, the Institute was created in 2011. It is proudly progressive, based on values which seek to bring Australians together. Our work focuses on economic policy; fairness and wage justice, as well as policies which will improve the state of our environment and the liveability of our cities.

We are practical, devoted not just to the expression of aspirational goals but on the mechanisms through which positive change can actually be made by good governments and their supporters.

While Australia now has a range of public policy thinktanks spanning the political spectrum, none has the same level of commitment to Queensland as The Mckell Institute. Our Queensland based operation; executive, board and fellows, mean we are well placed to understand the unique nature of this state; its diverse economy, its regional variations and its location close to Asia and as the jump-off point for the Pacific.

In two years of operation, Mckell Queensland has played host to a number of leading intellectuals and decision makers from the key figures in Queensland Government, to senior Commonwealth public servants, University administrators and authors.

Our rapidly growing body of research has influenced the public debate and contributed to real change. We brought attention to wage theft, the opportunity of active transport, the economic inequalities exposed by COVID-19, the level of food insecurity in North Queensland and the imperative to reduce plastic waste on the Great Barrier Reef.

Our work is made possible by our members; unions and some of the state's leading corporations.

In an often heated civic space, The Mckell Institute is unusual in its ability to bring parties together, to have intelligent considered and thought provoking conversations and to produce a body of work that contributes to the betterment of Queensland and Australia.

# Events 2018

## JUNE

**Jackie Trad, Deputy Premier and Treasurer** for Post-Budget Address.  
*HOSTED BY MAURICE BLACKBURN TOWNSVILLE*

## AUGUST

**Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk** launched McKell Institute Queensland.  
*HOSTED BY ALLENS*



## SEPTEMBER

**Mark Bailey, QLD Minister for Transport and Main Roads** for a discussion about sustainable and inclusive transport discussion.  
*HOSTED BY STOCKLAND*

## OCTOBER

**Cameron Dick MP, QLD Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure & Planning** on the future of the Qld. economy. *HOSTED BY ALLENS*

**His Excellency Anote Tong, former President of Kiribati** on impacts of climate change on the front line.

## NOVEMBER

**Tony Burke MP, Shadow Minister for Environment and Water** launched the McKell Institute's Stopping the Spread report on pollution and plastics in the Great Barrier Reef in front of ABC media at Southbank.

**Leeanne Enoch MP, QLD Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts** – provided an update on environmental policy in Qld.  
*HOSTED BY DELOITTE*

## DECEMBER

**Steven Miles MP, QLD Minister for Health, Minister for Ambulance Services.**  
*HOSTED BY HSF*



# Events 2019

## MARCH

**Chris Bowen** then **Shadow Treasurer of Australia** for an economic policy outlook for Qld.  
*HOSTED BY DELOITTE*

## APRIL

**Libby Lyons, Head of the Federal Workplace Gender Equality Agency** on best practice workplace policy to promote equal pay and equal gender representation in company executives and boardrooms.  
*HOSTED BY DLA PIPER*

## JUNE

Head of **Essential Media, Peter Lewis** for a post-election debrief.

## JULY

Part 1 Queensland Climate & Energy Series: **Reserve Bank Deputy Governor Guy Debelle** on climate risk and monetary policy.  
*HOSTED BY SUNCORP*

Part 2 Queensland Climate & Energy Series: **Qld Director General of the Dept. of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy James Purtill** on the future of the energy sector in Qld and current challenges to the system.  
*HOSTED BY ALLENS*

Part 3 Queensland Climate & Energy Series: **Jacqui Walters, Chair of CleanCo** on the future of renewable energy investment in Qld and how the new CleanCo authority will operate.  
*HOSTED BY ALLENS*

## AUGUST

**Kate Jones, Minister for Innovation and Tourism Industry Development, Minister for Commonwealth Games** on the future of Advance Queensland program. *HOSTED BY TELSTRA*

President of the **Australian Human Rights Commission Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM** on the national conversation on Human Rights. *HOSTED BY MAURICE BLACKBURN*

## SEPTEMBER

Part 4 Queensland Climate & Energy Series: **Ian Learmonth, CEO of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation** to discuss future of clean energy investment in Qld and latest innovation and tech. *HOSTED BY DLA PIPER*

## NOVEMBER

Queensland Housing and Homelessness Forum with **Mick de Brenni, Minister for Housing and Public Works, Minister for Digital Technology and Minister for Sport.**  
*HOSTED BY PWC*

## DECEMBER

Part 5 Queensland Climate & Energy Series: **Shannon Fentiman, QLD Minister for Employment and Small Business, Training & Skills Development** on the Just Transition Authority and the future of work in Qld.  
*HOSTED BY TELSTRA*

# Events 2020

## MARCH

**Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese** launched a report on Wage Cutting Strategies in the Mining Industry.

HOSTED BY THE CFMEU MINING AND ENERGY DIVISION IN MACKAY.

## MAY

**Former PM Malcolm Turnbull** in conversation on his memoir *A Bigger Picture*. The McKell Institute's Digital Event series.

**Shadow Federal Treasurer Jim Chalmers** on the coronavirus crisis, its economic consequences and what reconstruction will look like for Australia. The McKell Institute's Digital Event series.

## JUNE

**Ambassador Samantha Power, US Ambassador to the United Nations** (under President Obama) in conversation on her memoir, *The Education of an Idealist*. The McKell Institute's Digital Event series.

## JULY

**How to Reset Queensland's Economy post COVID: An Economic Roundtable.** The McKell Institute's Digital Event series

## AUGUST

**Maia Schweizer, CEO of Clean Co** on building Queensland's renewable energy future.

HOSTED BY ALLENS

**Queensland Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Ambulance Services**

**Dr Steven Miles** on the coronavirus crisis and its implications for the future design of hospitals and health services.

HOSTED BY LENDLEASE

## SEPTEMBER

**Neil Scales, Director General of the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads,**

on the future of mobility.

HOSTED BY STOCKLAND

## OCTOBER

Parliament House launch by **Bicycle Queensland CEO Rebecca Randazzo** of the McKell Queensland report *Riding the Revolution, a New Approach to Active Transport in South East Queensland*

## NOVEMBER

**Professor Deborah Terry AO, Vice Chancellor of the University of Queensland**

on education and skills for a changing economy.

HOSTED BY TELSTRA

## DECEMBER

**Christmas function with guest speakers Tourism Minister Stirling Hinchliffe and LNP Shadow Environment Minister Sam O'Connor.**



## LOOKING AHEAD TO FURTHER EVENTS

**Federal Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management, David Littleproud** on the effect of natural disasters on the economy. HOSTED BY SUNCORP.



# MCKELL RESEARCH & REPORTS

The McKell Institute is a progressive research institute dedicated to providing practical and innovative solutions to contemporary policy challenges.

## WE ENGAGE ACROSS A WIDE RANGE OF POLICY ISSUES, INCLUDING:

- Education;
- Infrastructure funding and financing;
- Superannuation;
- Health and hospitals;
- Industrial relations and workers' entitlements;
- Economic analysis and modelling;
- Productivity and innovation policy;
- Housing affordability; and
- Social service delivery.



## MCKELL INSTITUTE RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Recent Queensland Research

#### ***Riding the Revolution : A New Approach to Active Transport in South East***

***Queensland.*** McKell Institute Report, covered in the *Brisbane Times* and on *ABC radio* November 2020. **AUTHORS** Rachel Nolan, Rutvika Kanani (Griffith University)

#### ***Mapping Food Insecurity : An Index for Central and North Queensland,***

McKell Institute Report, September 2020. **AUTHORS** Rachel Nolan, Esther Rajadurai

#### ***Reopening Queensland : Recommendations from McKell Institute's Reopening Queensland Roundtable Discussion,***

McKell Institute Report, June 2020. **AUTHORS** Edward Cavanough, Liliana Tai

#### ***Australia at a Crossroads : A Brief Overview of the Options for Economic Reform,***

McKell Institute Ideas Forum, June 2020. **AUTHOR** Rachel Nolan

***The Shock Doctrine and Industrial Relations,*** Publication in the *Australian Journal of Australian Political Economy*, Special Issue – Coronavirus Crisis, Political Responses, Issue, Number 85, Winter 2020. **AUTHORS** Rachel Nolan, David Peetz (Griffith University), Linda Colley (CQU)

#### ***COVID-19 : Why the Fallout is Exacerbating Economic Inequality,***

McKell Institute Ideas Forum, also published in the *New Daily*, April 2020. **AUTHOR** Rachel Nolan

#### ***COVID-19 : 9 Reasons Why Accessing Super Early is a Risky Idea,***

McKell Institute Ideas Forum, March 2020. **AUTHORS** James Pawluk, Rachel Nolan

***Wage Cutting Strategies in the Mining Industry,*** McKell Institute Report, widely reported in the *Mackay Daily Mercury* and regional electronic media, March 2020.

**AUTHOR** Dr Stephen Whelan (University of Sydney)

#### ***Queensland's Renewable Energy Target : A Critical Goal with Real Challenges to Delivery,***

McKell Institute Ideas Forum, published in the *Brisbane Times* as 'Incredibly Hard; Queensland Faces Uphill Battle to Reach Renewable Target', February 2020.

**AUTHOR** Rachel Nolan

#### ***The Impact of Wage Theft on Queensland Workers and Economy,***

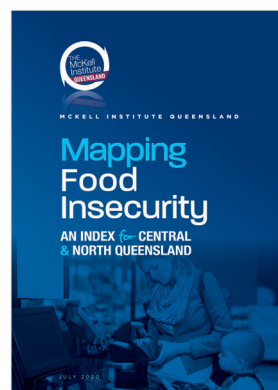
McKell Institute Report, 2019. **AUTHORS** Edward Cavanough, Esther Rajadurai

#### ***Representative Government : Diversity in the Next Parliament,***

McKell Institute Report, extensively publicised by *ABC Radio National*, April 2019. **AUTHORS** McKell Institute Internship Program Bernard Goh, Isabella Olsson, Jessica Hollis, Louis Altena

#### ***Stopping the Spread : The Issue of Death by Plastic in Commonwealth Waters,***

McKell Institute Report, November 2018. **AUTHOR** Mara Hammerle



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