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- **★ “Australian Startup Secures Permit to Sell Lab-Grown Meat in Singapore”**
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* www.theepochtimes.com/world/australian-startup-secures-permit-to-sell-lab-grown-meat-in-singapore-5622341
- **“Senate Inquiry Into Domestic Violence ‘Epidemic’ for Indigenous Women Highlights Systemic Failings”**
“A Senate inquiry looking into statistics that show First Nations women are about 12 times more likely than the national average to be murdered heard how victims are falling through the cracks due to failings across the social spectrum. The inquiry heard from organisations working to combat domestic, family, and sexual violence.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/world/senate-inquiry-into-domestic-violence-epidemic-for-indigenous-women-highlights-systemic-failings-5633275
- **“Australia’s Food and Grocery Manufacturing Facing ‘Extinction’”**
“A peak industry body has revealed that Australia’s food and grocery manufacturing sector is heading toward “extinction” amid challenging economic and market conditions. During a recent Senate hearing, Australian Food and Grocery Council CEO Tanya Barden painted a bleak picture of the local industry. Ms. Barden said that food and grocery manufacturing had faced declining margins prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the situation deteriorated further in subsequent years due to supply chain issues.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/world/australias-food-and-grocery-manufacturing-facing-extinction-peak-body-5631019
- **“Western Australia to Allow People to Legally Change Their Gender Without Medical Surgery”**
“The current law requires a person to undergo surgical reassignment and provide proof to the Gender Reassignment Board before being able to register a change of gender. However, the centre-left Labor government said it would scrap the Gender Reassignment Board and introduce through the Registry of Births, Deaths, and Marriages a “new streamlined administrative process for sex and gender recognition. Under the proposed changes, individuals will only need a statement from a medical practitioner and psychologist certifying that they have “received appropriate clinical treatment in relation to the person’s sex or gender”, the government said.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/world/western-australia-to-allow-people-to-legally-change-their-gender-without-medical-surgery-5630896
GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: www.wa.gov.au/government/media-statements/Cook-Labor-Government/Reforms-to-remove-barriers-for-LGBTQIA%2Bcommunity--20240416
- **“What Can We Expect From the Inflation Reduction Act 2.0?”**
“There was not one single solitary dollar sign in Anthony Albanese’s “A Future Made in Australia” speech delivered in Brisbane. There should have been. This was a speech about re-industrialising Australia, but there were no specifics. It was 3,302 words of waffle—a melange of soundbites and non-

sequiturs—aimed as much at the next Queensland state election as it was the Future Made in Australia Act which was supposed to be the real subject. When Mr. Albanese was asked if there was any modelling underlying the speech and how many jobs it would create, the prime minister could only waffle saying there was an opportunity to “grow enormous” jobs. So no modelling then.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/opinion/what-can-we-expect-from-the-inflation-reduction-act-2-0-post-5627528

PM’s SPEECH: www.pm.gov.au/media/future-made-australia

- **“Deeper Cuts to Carbon Emissions Under Draft 2035 Target”**

“The end goal of net zero by 2050 has bipartisan support, although the major political parties remain at loggerheads on how to get there. Meanwhile New South Wales (NSW), Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania, which together account for three-quarters of the nation’s emissions, have already announced 2035 emissions reductions targets of at least 70 percent. The nation’s first 2035 target must be finalised in coming months and submitted in 2025 to meet the federal government’s obligations under the Paris Agreement on climate change.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/world/deeper-cuts-to-carbon-emissions-under-draft-2035-target-5628319

REPORT: www.climatechangeauthority.gov.au/2035-emissions-reduction-targets

- **“8 Percent of Queensland Now Under Environmental Protection”**

“More than 14.5 million hectares or 8.39 percent of the state’s total land area is now protected after 140 islands added to major marine protection area.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/world/queensland-government-adds-140-islands-to-great-barrier-reef-marine-park-before-elections-5622128

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- **COVID-19 Inquiry: “Health Department Moderated 50,000 Comments per Month During Pandemic”**

“The Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care received and moderated more than 50,000 comments each month at the height of the pandemic. The revelation is contained within the department’s response to the COVID-19 Response Inquiry, which has received more than 2,000 submissions. The health department revealed that it worked to counter “misinformation” and moderated social media posts quickly... Meanwhile, the Home Affairs department has revealed it referred thousands of posts to social media companies, and nearly 66 percent were removed.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/world/covid-19-inquiry-health-department-moderated-50000-comments-per-month-during-pandemic-5622161

REPORT: www.theepochtimes.com/world/covid-19-inquiry-home-affairs-referred-4700-social-media-posts-over-misinformation-5619820

SUBMISSION: www.pmc.gov.au/sites/default/files/submissions/PMC-CGCRI-2024-2170.pdf

- **“Whether Environment Laws Can Stop Extinction Examined”**

“Concerns that environmental laws lack transparency and adequate ambition will be put under the microscope at hearings into extinction in Australia in April... The parliamentary inquiry is looking at the population decline and conservation status of threatened species, the technological impact of extinction and whether environmental laws and regulations are fit for purpose.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/world/whether-environment-laws-can-stop-extinction-examined-5618351

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