



# MONTHLY UPDATES



## AUSTRALIANA (December 2024)



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- ★ **“Indigenous Researcher Says Australia Day Is Not Disrespectful to Aboriginals”**  
*“Academic and Indigenous commentator Anthony Dillon says Aussies should be proud to celebrate their national day and not be swept up in the cancel culture movement.”*  
\* [link](#)  
**NEWS:** [www.news.com.au/lifestyle/real-life/news-life/australia-day-date-change-wont-help-aboriginal-people/news-story/9838de7af6459b7a157c9a808b941ac6](http://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/real-life/news-life/australia-day-date-change-wont-help-aboriginal-people/news-story/9838de7af6459b7a157c9a808b941ac6)
- **“Uranium CEO Warns: Australia Missing out on Global Nuclear Boom”**  
*“Boss Energy CEO said Australia’s nuclear ban is preventing the country from cleaner, affordable, and reliable electricity.”*  
\* [link](#)  
**REPORT:** [www.miningweekly.com/article/uranium-miners-say-australia-to-miss-out-on-boom-in-nuclear-fuel-2024-08-05](http://www.miningweekly.com/article/uranium-miners-say-australia-to-miss-out-on-boom-in-nuclear-fuel-2024-08-05)
- **“Labor’s latest nuclear scare campaign warns Coalition’s energy proposal causes ‘cancer, strokes and heart attacks’”**  
*“The Labor Party has switched up its scare campaign against nuclear by raising possible health concerns of power plants, which has been immediately criticised as a step too far.”*  
\* [link](#)
- **“Teal independents’ stance on nuclear could shape Australia’s energy future amid likely hung parliament at 2025 federal election”**  
*“The Teal independents have expressed ‘serious concern’ about nuclear as the crossbench could be set to decide the future of Australia’s energy grid, given the increasing likelihood of a hung parliament at the next election.”*  
\* [link](#)
- **“Australia’s Weak Economy Now a ‘National Emergency’”**  
*“Recession-level business investment, dropping productivity, and declining living standards means Australia now faces a ‘national emergency,’ says consulting giant McKinsey and Co.”*  
\* [link](#)  
**REPORT:** [www.proactiveinvestors.com.au/companies/news/1062247/mckinsey-critical-of-australia-s-lack-of-labour-productivity-growth-1062247.html](http://www.proactiveinvestors.com.au/companies/news/1062247/mckinsey-critical-of-australia-s-lack-of-labour-productivity-growth-1062247.html)
- **“‘Govern for all Australians’: Another Labor ‘lie’ lashed”**  
*“Sky News host Paul Murray says Labor’s promise to ‘govern for all Australians’ turned out to be another one of their lies. ‘Every time they turn around and tell us regardless of whether it is team red or team blue, ‘I will govern for all Australians,’ Mr Murray said. ‘How many times have we seen over the past two and a bit, almost three years, that of course, like so many other things, is a lie.’”*  
\* [link](#)
- **“Cancer-linked PFAS to be reduced from Sydney’s water supply in major health boost following upgrade of Cascade Water Filtration Plant”**  
*“Blue Mountains residents have been provided a major health boost with cancer-linked PFAS set to be*

reduced from the water supply following the upgrade to a key filtration system.”

\* [link](#)

- **“Andrew Bolt cuts through ‘lies and spin’ around Australia Day ‘intolerance’”**

*“Sky News host Andrew Bolt decides to “cut through” the lies and spin surrounding Australia Day. “Let’s cut through all the lies or spin of this latest attempted ban of Australia Day. Some companies really are slow learners aren’t they,” Mr Bolt said. “These guys can’t read a room, or even their front bar.””*

\* [link](#)

- **“Is Australia ready for war? Building supply chains to keep us safe”**

*“In a presentation to Institute of Public Affairs’ members, defence expert, Michael Shoebridge, details what Australia must do to prepare for war and be able to defend our nation. Today, the Australian Defence Force is too small, and it is armed with equipment that is too expensive and complex to replace in a time of war. Put simply, Australia’s defence planning and procurement systems are broken. But change and reform is possible, and in the next term of government we can solidify our defences.”*

\* [link](#)

**REPORT:** [ipa.org.au/research/national-security/is-australia-prepared-to-defend-itself-from-the-threat-of-china-peter-jennings-ao](https://ipa.org.au/research/national-security/is-australia-prepared-to-defend-itself-from-the-threat-of-china-peter-jennings-ao)

**REPORT:** [ipa.org.au/publications-ipa/research-papers/the-defence-of-australia-a-blueprint-for-the-next-government-paper-3-right-here-right-now-unleashing-australian-know-how-to-grow-military-power-fast](https://ipa.org.au/publications-ipa/research-papers/the-defence-of-australia-a-blueprint-for-the-next-government-paper-3-right-here-right-now-unleashing-australian-know-how-to-grow-military-power-fast)

- **“Australia’s Digital ID Comes Into Force”**

*“The Digital ID Act commenced in December.”*

\* [link](#)

**REPORT:** [www.finance.gov.au/about-us/news/2024/digital-id-act-2024-legislation-coming](https://www.finance.gov.au/about-us/news/2024/digital-id-act-2024-legislation-coming)

- **“AEMO wants emergency powers to switch off solar in every state amid fears of ‘system collapse’”**

*“The Australian Energy Market Operator wants “emergency backstop” powers to switch off or turn down rooftop solar systems in every state. AEMO says the powers are needed by next year for extreme situations as it grapples with ever-increasing amounts of rooftop solar output.”*

\* [link](#)

- **“Skill shortages: Why we got it wrong on education”**

*“Australia’s post-secondary education sector needs to be overhauled as young people flood the job market with worthless degrees while hundreds of occupations that require only vocational qualifications struggle to find applicants for well-paid jobs. Australia’s skills tsar Barney Glover says 15 years of government policies designed to encourage young people to enrol in university have tipped the scales too far, leaving graduates without bright futures and vast tracts of industry without the skills they need.”*

\* [link](#)

**REPORT:** [vdc.edu.au/news-archive/jsa-commissioner-barney-glover-addresses-the-need-for-a-better-connected-tertiary-ed-system/](https://vdc.edu.au/news-archive/jsa-commissioner-barney-glover-addresses-the-need-for-a-better-connected-tertiary-ed-system/)

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