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- ★ **“Australian Parliament Passes National Digital ID Law”**
“Eighty-seven members voted for, and 56 against the Digital ID Bill 2024.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/world/australian-parliament-passes-national-digital-id-law-5651092
LEGISLATION: parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;page=0;query=BillId%3As1404%20Recstruct%3Abillhome
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM:
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- ★ **“14 Australian Politicians Urge Prime Minister to Reject WHO Pandemic Treaty”**
“Fourteen Australian politicians have written a letter to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese asking the Labor government not to sign the upcoming World Health Organization (WHO) pandemic treaty. It comes as Australia prepares to take part in the 77th World Health Assembly on May 27, where member countries will decide whether to agree to a health accord with global implications... The 14 MPs include Senators Ralph Babet, Alex Antic, Pauline Hanson, Matt Canavan, Malcolm Roberts, Matthew O’Sullivan, as well as MPs Terry Young, Tony Pasin, Russell Broadbent, Colin Boyce, Luke Howarth, David Gillespie, Barnaby Joyce, and Llew O’Brien.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/world/14-australian-politicians-urge-prime-minister-to-reject-who-pandemic-treaty-5651080
LETTER: x.com/senatorbabet/status/1790292846781837364
- ★ **“eSafety Commissioner’s ideological attack on free speech”**
“The overturning of the court injunction taken out by Australia’s eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant against the social media company X, shows how unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats cannot be trusted with the power of censorship. The recent stabbing attack of Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel in Sydney has been exploited by Ms Inman Grant to impose online censorship according to her world view. This alleged terror attack has also been exploited by the federal government to push forward with even worse censorship laws in the form of their proposed Communication Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill. This brings into focus the dangers of censorship that John and his guests have been discussing on Australia Censored so far. The solution to misinformation is free speech, not unelected and unaccountable bureaucracies with vague powers which grant them the ability to determine what Australians should and should not be able to say, see and think.”
* youtu.be/cZCP18Gd43Q
- ★ **“Court Refuses Request to Extend Global Order for X to Take Down Stabbing Video”**
“The Australian Federal Court has refused to extend a temporary order on X to censor videos of a Sydney terrorist stabbing globally. Federal Court Justice Geoffrey Kennett denied a request from the eSafety commissioner to extend a global takedown injunction, which was due to expire at 5 p.m. on May 13.”
* www.aap.com.au/news/court-orders-x-hide-church-stabbing-video-for-all-users/
COURT ORDER: www.comcourts.gov.au/file/Federal/P/NSD474/2024/3979442/event/31790155/document/2277925

- **“Australia Sways Away From Allies, Including US, by Backing UN Palestine Vote”**
“Australia has voted in favour of a U.N. resolution that pushes for Palestine to be granted full membership to the United Nations. This decision puts Australia at odds with allies the United States and Israel, who voted against the U.N. General Assembly motion on May 10. The U.N. resolution (pdf) did not mention Hamas or hostages and stressed that Palestine is fully qualified for membership of the United Nations.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/world/australia-sways-away-from-allies-by-backing-un-palestine-vote-5648140
UN REPORT: press.un.org/en/2024/ga12600.doc.htm
- **Live Sheep Trade: “‘Radical’ plan to ban controversial Australian industry by 2028”**
“The controversial live sheep export trade will be banned by the Australian Government from May 1, 2028 but farmers groups and political opponents have hit out at the plan labelling it as “radical” and vowing to undo the move. The Albanese government announced on Saturday it was funding a \$107 million package over four years to help farmers transition out of the industry after it pledged to end the practice amid animal welfare concerns. Agriculture Minister Murray Watt announced the live sheep export trade by sea would end after releasing a report that made 28 recommendations about how to wind down the system.”
 * www.news.com.au/finance/business/other-industries/radical-plan-to-ban-controversial-australian-industry-by-2028/news-story/c3fcc8d77eac895f15bfbd2ca4bde2c0
- **“Aussie National Science Agency Turns Red Meat Into Powder”**
“Australia’s national science agency is converting red meat cuts into protein powders in a bid to target the multi-billion health and wellness industry. The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) explains the new “highly nutritious powder” provides an allergen-free protein boost to snacks and beverages. According to the organisation, this powder can be used in a wide range of products from protein balls to shakes and energy drinks. Taste testing of the new product is taking place at Beef 2024, an event taking place from May 5 to 11 in Rockhampton, Queensland. CSIRO is targeting a \$3.8 billion (US\$2.5 billion) market in the health and wellness industry with this new product.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/world/aussie-national-science-agency-turns-red-meat-into-powder-5646599
CSIRO REPORT: www.csiro.au/en/news/All/News/2024/May/CSIRO-turns-red-meat-into-nutritious-powder
- **“Are Government Departments Above the Laws They Pass?”**
“A federal government official has been found liable under Northern Territory (NT) law for damage to a sacred Indigenous site, in a decision that could set a precedent for how sacred sites are protected. The case centred around damage allegedly caused by Parks Australia while building a walkway close to a sacred men’s site near Gunlom Falls in Kakadu National Park in 2019. The cascading waterfall appeared in the movie “Crocodile Dundee.” Parks Australia apologised and agreed to redirect the track away from the sacred site, but the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority wanted to establish criminal accountability... However, Parks Australia successfully argued it was a Commonwealth entity and, therefore, protected, and the court ruled it couldn’t be held legally responsible for the damage under Territory law. The Authority then appealed.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/world/are-government-departments-above-the-laws-they-pass-5645876
- **“6 in 10 Australians Want Businesses to Stay Away from Politics”**
“While 96 percent of Australians wanted brands to do some form of good, 61 percent did not support companies taking a position on social and political issues.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/world/6-in-10-australians-want-businesses-to-stay-away-from-politics-5645037
SURVEY REPORT:
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- **“Senator Warns Digital ID Could Link With ‘Misinformation’ Bill, Digital Currency”**
“Fears of a social credit system in Australia have been relayed by political figures during multiple

rallies against the digital ID on the weekend. Events in Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane on May 5 were attended by thousands who opposed the impending national digital ID legislation. The protests come after the Australian Senate passed the Digital ID Bill in late March, with support from senators from the centre-left Labor Party, the Australian Greens, Jacqui Lambie, and independents. The bill establishes a legislative framework for Australians to start using the new program that can help with identity verification with both government and businesses. It will work in conjunction with the MyGov platform that already links to government services like Centrelink, Medicare, and the Australian Tax Office.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/world/senator-warns-digital-id-could-link-with-misinformation-bill-digital-currency-5644295

PROTEST: x.com/JohnRuddick2/status/1787239840041619482

DIGITAL ID BILL:

www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_LEGislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bId=s1404

- **“\$33 Million Transferred From Big Pharma to Doctors in Australia”**

“Pharmaceutical companies paid doctors more than \$33 million (US\$21.9 million) over three years in Australia to promote their products. More than 6,500 doctors across the country received at least one payment from a pharmaceutical company between November 2019 and October 2022. The findings were revealed in a peer-reviewed paper published in the Medical Journal of Australia on May 6.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/world/33-million-transferred-from-big-pharma-to-doctors-in-australia-5644944

MEDICAL REPORT: www.mja.com.au/journal/2024/220/8/pharmaceutical-company-payments-australian-doctors-reported-medicines-australia

- **“Australian Plant-Based Meat Sales Surge 47 Percent Between 2020 and 2023”**

“Australia’s plant-based meat sales surged 47 percent, while per capita consumption increased 28 percent, between 2020 and 2024, according to Food Frontier in its State of the Industry report. The report evaluated the current state of the plant-based meat manufacturing industry, reflecting its economic contributions, and potential future. According to Deloitte Access Economics, total plant-based meat sales reached \$272.5 million (US\$178.94 million) last year. This is equivalent to a compound average growth rate (CAGR) of 14 percent since the 2020 financial year.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/world/australian-plant-based-meat-sales-surge-47-percent-between-2020-and-2023-post-5641868

FOOD FRONTIER REPORT: www.foodfrontier.org/latest-state-of-the-industry-report-shows-plant-based-meat-charts-its-own-course-in-australia/

DELOITTE REPORT: www.deloitte.com/au/en/our-thinking/insights/industry/consumer-retail/future-of-fresh-food-sales/plant-based-meat-sales.html

- **“Government Warned Against Alienating Men in Domestic Violence Campaign”**

“Independent MP Dai Le has warned that any campaign targeting gendered violence must recognise that not all men are violent, or risk alienating many.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/world/government-warned-against-alienating-men-in-anti-violence-campaign-5639492

- **“Australia Considers Legislating Against ‘Online Abuse of Public Figures’”**

“The Labor government has opened a public consultation on the Online Safety Act to ‘keep Australians safe’.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/world/australia-considers-legislating-against-online-abuse-of-public-figures-5639392

CONSULTATION PAPER: www.infrastructure.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/online-safety-act-2021-review-issues-paper-26-april-2024.pdf

- **“Why Is Australia Going After Elon Musk?”**

“Elon Musk is battling against foreign censorship amid pressure from Brazil and Australia, both of which are trying to extend their censorship laws internationally. Meanwhile, a bill that will ban TikTok unless its parent company sells it before Jan. 19, 2025, has now been enacted. President Joe Biden

signed the bill on April 24 after the Senate passed it in a 70 to 18 vote. Former President Donald Trump had warned that banning TikTok could create a tech monopoly for other social networks like Facebook, and other concerns were raised that the language of the legislation could give a president the ability to go after other platforms.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/epochtv/why-is-australia-going-after-elon-musk-5636696

- **“Australians are "quiet quitting" work. Here’s what that means”**

“There’s a new movement permeating a workforce already compromised by a labour shortage and plagued by burnout: “quiet quitting”. Proponents of the movement say it’s the perfect antidote to toxic work environments where staff feel compelled to answer emails out of hours, work on projects outside their job descriptions, and stay back beyond the finish line of a working day. The term “quiet quitting” was coined by TikToker @zkchillin, who says the idea is to meet expectations of a job and resist the urge to over perform to win brownie points or advance in a career faster.”

* www.smartcompany.com.au/people-human-resources/human-resources/australian-quiet-quitting-work/

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