



MONTHLY UPDATES



AUSTRALIANA (September 2024)



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- ★ **LEGAL ANALYSIS: “The Jailing of Pauline Hanson: A victory for democracy?”**
“The conviction and jailing, in August this year, of former MP Pauline Hanson and one of her One Nation Party co-founders, David Ettridge, on charges of fraud set a dangerous precedent for use against any electoral grouping considered a threat to the political establishment. This author has fundamental differences with One Nation and its right-wing nationalist politics. But a careful review of the case shows that after a protracted political and legal campaign, involving senior members of the Howard government, the law was misused to remove an opposition party from the political scene, violating basic democratic rights in the process.”
* [link](#)
LEGAL REPORT: www5.austlii.edu.au/au/journals/AltLawJl/2003/83.html
- **“Warren Mundine urges Chris Minns to ‘stop wasting money’ in pursuing Indigenous treaty after failed Voice referendum”**
“Indigenous leader Warren Mundine has urged NSW Premier Chris Minns to “stop wasting money” in pursuing and a state treaty following the defeat of the Voice to Parliament referendum.”
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- **“Push for Clarity to Prevent Companies Posing as Indigenous Businesses”**
“The call for clearer standards to define and prevent “black cladding” in Indigenous businesses has emerged as a pressing issue within Australia’s economic landscape. Black cladding refers to the misuse of Indigenous identity by non-Indigenous companies to gain unfair access to opportunities, particularly government contracts. Representatives who provided evidence before the Senate Committee inquiry into economic self-determination and opportunities for Indigenous Australians called for clearer definitions and standards to combat this practice.”
* [link](#)
- **“Working Hard Without Much Return: Australian Manufacturers Reveal Struggle to Survive”**
“Manufacturers have shared with an Australian parliamentary committee about their struggles to stay afloat amid the impacts of high inflation and government policies... Australian manufacturers said high inflation and government policies had made it incredibly tough for them to stay afloat.”
* [link](#)
- **“Beijing Video ‘Glorification’ of Aggression Toward Australia, Liberals Say”**
“Beijing’s release of a video showing a confrontation between one of its jets and Australian plane has raised the ire of the Liberals.”
* [link](#)
VIDEO REPORT: www.youtube.com/watch?v=UczY42nZO9g
- **“Minister for Women Says Debate on Bill That Defines Gender Too Harmful for Senate”**
“Labor’s Katy Gallagher explained her government’s reason for blocking One Nation’s attempt to reinstate the definition of ‘man’ and ‘woman’ into law.”
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- **“‘Needle-Free’ Bird Flu Vaccine Trial Begins in Australia With US Backing”**

“Participants dosed with the vaccine will be tested for their response to ‘pre-pandemic avian influenza strain H7N9.’”

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REPORT: biotechdispatch.com.au/news/vaxxas-initiates-phase-1-clinical-trial-of-pre-pandemic-avian-influenza-a-virus-vaccine

- **“Disaster Alert: The Areas at Higher Risk of Flood, Fire”**

“Communities across Australia are being warned to brace for damaging floods and fires as the severe weather season bears down on the continent. Persistent heat and more heavy rain over already sodden catchments are expected to test emergency management teams during spring and summer. The majority of the Australian landmass is more than twice as likely to experience hotter-than-average maximum temperatures over the next three months, according to the Bureau of Meteorology’s long-range forecast.”

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REPORT: www.bom.gov.au/climate/ocean/outlooks/archive/latest/sstOutlooks.nino34.hr.png

- **“Hide those climate plans until after the election”**

“Life on Earth is about to collapse but the government may have to keep their 2035 emissions target a secret until after our next election. Shucks... The government was supposed to release the “2035 update” by February next year. It was part of the sacred Paris Agreement that they pump up the NetZero promises every five years, which means by February 2025. But when The Australian newspaper asked if the government would keep that deadline, the spokeswoman pointedly did not say “Yes”.”

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- **“Study Links Inflation, Private Sector Stagnation to Government Spending Surge”**

“New research from the Centre for Independent Studies (CIS) reveals that government spending is fuelling inflation, while private sector growth has stagnated, signalling a potential structural shift in Australia’s economy. The findings come against the backdrop of Australian Bureau of Statistics data confirming an increase in government spending by 1.4 percent.”

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- **“Bill to Establish Inquiry Into COVID-19 Response Fails in Australian Senate”**

“Australian senators have rejected a call from Senator Ralph Babet to establish a Commission of Inquiry into the government’s pandemic response.”

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- **“Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO sounds alarm over surge in non-Indigenous Australians claiming Aboriginal identity”**

“An Aboriginal community leader has raised concerns about a rise in “identity fraud” with an increasing number of non-Indigenous Australians falsely claiming Aboriginal heritage.”

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- **“Supermarkets Coles and Woolworths urged to dump beef products linked to deforestation on Australian farms”**

“there is a global push to end deforestation through regulation, consumer action and corporate accountability. And supermarkets are being singled out, urged to stop selling beef from properties that clear forest... Australia is the only rich country listed as a “deforestation hotspot” by the World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature. The conservation group estimated 43 million hectares of forest had been destroyed — about six times the area of Tasmania — between 2004 and 2017.”

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