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Things we have seen that you need to  
know about



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"If the LNP delivers this demand stimulus to address what everyone knows is a supply-side problem in housing, it is utterly, utterly irresponsible and will be unable to be unwound," Former secretary of the Prime Minister's Department, Martin Parkinson advised





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Independent economist Saul Eslake told me yesterday it was a "candidate for dumbest policy decision of the 21st century (rivalling the WA GST deal)"

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a black blazer, is speaking at a TED event. She is holding a small object in her hands. The background is a dark blue curtain.

## This is a digital coup

### This Is What a Digital Coup Looks Like | Carole Cadwalladr | TED

“We are watching the collapse of the international order in real time, and this is just the start,” says investigative journalist Carole Cadwalladr. In a sea...

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<https://youtu.be/TZOoT8AbkNE?feature=shared>

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“We are watching the collapse of the international order in real time, and this is just the start,” says investigative journalist Carole Cadwalladr. In a searing talk, she details a fast-moving technological coup and the rise of the “**broliarchy**”: an unprecedentedly powerful class of tech executives (like Elon Musk) who are complicit in dismantling democracy and enabling authoritarian control across the world. She shares a guide on how to digitally disobey in this age of runaway corporate power, data harvesting and mass surveillance — and reminds you that you have more power than you think.”



### Gettin' Scared - April 13

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[www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/live/blpLPbsvttg?feature=shared)

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The Shot, 13 April 2025

<https://www.youtube.com/live/blpLPbsvttg?feature=shared>

# The Atlas Network

“Founded in 1981 by the English businessman, [Antony Fisher](#), ‘to [litter the world](#) with free-market think tanks’ [aka conservative right wing think tanks], headquartered in Virginia by the U.S. Capitol, Atlas is not itself a think tank. It discreetly fundraises, networks and expands its vast public opinion, public policy and election influence machinery of 515 “[partner organisations](#)” in 100 nations.

Better-known U.S. think tanks include the [Heritage Foundation](#), the [Cato](#), [Heartland](#) and [Competitive Enterprise](#) institutes. All oppose climate policy and all have documented histories of oil-derived funding, such as from oil billionaires [Charles Koch](#) and [Richard Scaife](#), along with [ExxonMobil](#) and other multinational corporations.”

<https://independentaustralia.net/politics/politics-display/atlas-networks-fossil-fuelled-campaign-against-the-voice,17973>



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EXCLUSIVE

# Opposition Leader Peter Dutton sheds more light on his government efficiency program and appointment of Senator Jacinta Price

Opposition Leader Peter Dutton has revealed more details on his plans to create a DOGE-esque government efficiency program to be headed by Senator Jacinta Price.



**Laurence Karacsony** Digital Reporter



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<https://www.skynews.com.au/australia-news/politics/opposition-leader-peter-dutton-sheds-more-light-on-his-government-efficiency-program-and-appointment-of-senator-jacinta-price/news-story/66aad80d07d4081b3f5b0d5f1979a464>





A photo of Liberal Coalition Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price wearing a 'Make America Great Again' (pictured) hat has surfaced after she evoked the phrase over the weekend

<https://www.msn.com/en-au/news/australia/jacinta-price-pic-in-a-maga-hat-after-using-trumps-trademark-phrase/ar-AA1CQLv1>



Dutton is called Temu Trump for a reason.

They are using the trump playbook - as per Rinehart's recommendation.

Dutton praised Trump in the 60 mins interview then pulled back when he realised how unpopular it was.

His discomfort could be seen when Jacinta Price was chanting

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1EMD9VU5iV/>

ABC NEWS

## Jacinta Nampijinpa Price vows to 'make Australia great again', accuses media of being 'Trump obsessed'

By political reporter Maani Truu

Elections

Sat 12 Apr



Coalition frontbencher Jacinta Nampijinpa Price appeared alongside Peter Dutton, who swerved questions about her comments. (ABC News: Matt Roberts)

His discomfort could be seen when Jacinta Price was chanting “Make Australia Great Again” ala MAGA.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-04-12/jacinta-nampijinpa-price-trump-make-australia-great-again/105169348>



# Our Media Recommendations



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## **The Sunday Shot**

<https://www.youtube.com/@TheSundayShot>

“The Sunday Shot streams at 9am AEST each Sunday. The Shot's Jo Dyer and Dave Milner are joined each week by a roster of Australia's best independent journalists and thinkers to discuss what's been happening this week in politics.”

# Our media recommendations

## **Independent Australia**

<https://independentaustralia.net/>

“Independent Australia is a progressive journal, supporting freedom and justice for individuals, and getting to the truth. IA opposes governments of the country beholden to vested interests. Our main editorial focus is on federal politics, democratic government, the environment, human rights, Australian identity, Indigenous issues, world affairs, economics, finance, health, law and the justice system.”

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## **The Klaxon**

<https://theklaxon.com.au/>

“The Klaxon is a completely independent Australian news outlet delivering top-quality news for our community. We shine a light on the systemic and structural improprieties currently flourishing within the collective blindspots of much of the general media.

The Klaxon is 100% owned and operated by multi-award winning investigative journalist Anthony Klan, whose work has sparked numerous inquiries and law reforms.”

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## **It's not a Race - Dan Ilic**

<https://its-not-a-race.raisely.com/>

“This election may be the last chance we have to turn this climate around. So we're going to do what we know how: make subversive content and spread it around the internet. We need to hire writers, producers and editors to make more of this between now and the election. We will then buy strategic ads to put it where it will make a difference: on billboards, in display ads, in people's social media feeds. This election is heating up, and so are our hot takes.”



# Good News



