

Trish Draper MP

Your Voice in Makin



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From the Member's Desk

Firstly, a big thank you to all who donated so many food hamper items and wonderful presents for the Salvation Army to distribute to our families in need in the local area. It was a joy to bundle everything up from the Christmas tree with my staff and helpers knowing that many children were going to have a present under their tree who may not otherwise have received Christmas gifts. Once again thank you for your overwhelming kindness and generosity.

A thank you must also go to the people of Makin who took the time to respond to our survey which was attached to my 1997 calander. Your responses enable me to take a much more comprehensive range of views to Canberra to inform the Ministers what my constituents are concerned about.

The question of tariffs is a big issue facing Australia. I have stated publicly that I am not prepared to support a tariff reduction below 15% until the situation is reviewed in relation to our mutual trade obligations with other countries. In South Australia we have a huge stake in the motor vehicle industry and the jobs that go with that industry.

Petrol and gas prices are also of great concern, and I will be meeting

with the Treasurer on this issue while I am in Canberra over the next few weeks.

Lower interest rates are good news for our home buyers, and for small businesses who are potentially our major providers of jobs.

Our main aim now is to focus on jobs and in a drive to improve job opportunities the Government has announced a massive increase in the number of apprenticeships for young people.

We all know that the best way to create real, and local jobs is by encouraging and expanding small business. As well as lower interest rates, the Howard Government has provided taxation relief and established the Supermarket to

Asia Strategy to help boost exports for small business.

The \$1 billion a year Family Tax Initiative has been introduced by the Government, delivering in full its election commitment. An independent study found that over 70% of Australian families, those who are battling, not wealthy families, will benefit from this initiative.

I will continue to ensure that the concerns of Makin families are brought to the notice of our Government.

Hon Judi Moylan, MP, Minister for Family Services visits the Makin electorate



Trish Draper MP, with Hon Judi Moylan, Minister for Family Services, Ian Hardy, Chief Executive Director of Helping Hand Aged Care and Megan Corlis, the Director of Nursing at the Ingle Farm Helping Hand Nursing Home.



Hon Judi Moylan, Minister for Family Services, discussing issues relating to aged care with members of the community who provide care and facilities for our senior citizens. Mr Tim Gray, Managing Director of Lutheran Nursing Homes, Mr Kingsley Curtis from Church of Christ Retirement Services and Mr Nick Bennett from Lewis Nursing Home attended the meeting opportunity provided by Mrs Draper.



Mr Tony Abbott, MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs accepted Trish Draper's invitation to meet with staff of the Modbury offices of the Commonwealth Employment Service and Department of Social Security. Mr Abbott and Mrs Draper are pictured with Ms Carmel Rosier, Regional Manager of the Modbury CES, Ms Elaine Johnson and Mr Bruce Spencer, Regional Manager of the Modbury Department of Social Security.

Election Commitments met by the Howard Government

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The largest environment package in Australia's history was established with funds from the partial sale of Telstra. The \$1 billion Natural Heritage Trust Fund will help fix major environmental problems such as the Murray-Darling river system and soil salinity.

The 1996 Budget - Strong but Fair The first Howard Government Budget was a strong but fair budget that delivered on the Government's commitments but also tackled the *\$8 billion debt Labor left behind*. The responsible Budget has been a direct reason for lower interest rates for families and small businesses.

The Howard Government has also kept its commitments on the age pension, the retention of Medicare and a more accountable open Government.



Trish Draper, MP, Member for Makin, in the House of Representatives Chamber. Mrs Danna Vale, the Member for Sutherland is on Mrs Draper's right with Treasurer, Hon Peter Costello, Prime Minister, The Hon John Howard, Minister for Industrial Relations Hon Peter Reith and Minister for Science and Technology Hon Peter McGaurin on the front bench.

Trish Draper launches Mount to Mount Charity Bike Ride

A team of seven bike riders from the St Agnes Living Faith Fellowship community recently rode from Tea Tree Gully to Mount Gambier to raise funds for a medical clinic in Romania.

The Mount to Mount bike ride was organised by Pastor Kevin Taylor with a support team of six. The boys each rode the full distance and over the three days travelled through Woodside, Coomandook, Keith and Naracoorte and onto Mount Gambier.

Trish Draper, MP, the Federal member for Makin, farewelled the boys and the support team on the 24th of November 1996 and the boys were welcomed to Mount Gambier with a congratulatory speech by the Mayor over drinks and nibbles at the Mayoral chambers.



Trish Draper MP with Pastor Kevin Taylor and the Living Faith Fellowship Mount to Mount bike team.

The team achieved their aim of raising \$20,000 after their ride of 456 kms which took seventeen hours and forty four minutes at an average speed of 26.1 km per hour.

Congratulations to all for a great achievement.

Australia Day Multicultural Festival

Trish Draper, MP, Member for Makin, opened the first Multicultural Festival organised by the City of Tea Tree Gully.

Mayor Lesley Purdom welcomed to our community those people who

became Australian citizens at the Australia Day citizenship ceremony which was held prior to the festival.

Trish Draper congratulated those who had made the choice to become citizens of our country and wished

them all the best for the future in our local community and the contribution they will make to our local area.

Congratulations to the local community for their support and to all who provided displays and stalls at this first City of Tea Tree Gully Multicultural Festival.

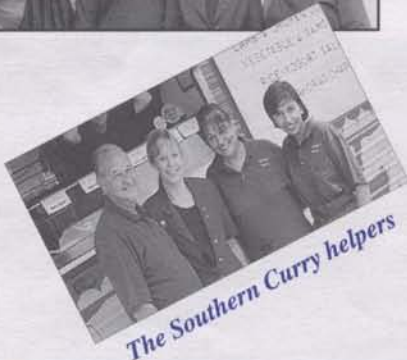
The Tea Tree Gully Rotary Club members and their partners provided pancakes and a BBQ



Australia Day



Leigh and Jan Verrall from Glenara Wines



The Southern Curry helpers



The team from St Raphael's

Teamwork in Makin

The protection of Australia's unique environment is paramount for the future of our children, and the Coalition's new Natural Heritage Trust will go a long way towards providing this protection.

The Natural Heritage Trust will be made possible by the part-sale of Telstra and will provide an additional \$1.1 billion to repair and enhance Australia's environment. The remaining money from the Telstra sale will go towards paying off part of the debt incurred by the previous Government of around \$100 billion.

The Natural Heritage Trust is the single largest environmental package in Australia's history and will have widespread benefits for all Australians. Money will go towards -

The National Vegetation Initiative (\$318 million) - to ensure that for the



Trish Draper with the Hon John Howard and Senator Nick Minchin

first time since European settlement, the rate of vegetation establishment will exceed the rate of vegetation clearance.

A Rivers Package, including \$150 million towards the Murray Darling 2001 Project, a project of enormous significance for South Australians. The package also contains \$85 million for the National Rivercare Initiative which will focus on total catchment management outside of the Murray Darling Basin; a boost of \$8 million for the management of Australia's wetlands; and \$13 million for specific initiatives to improve water quality, and regenerate native fish populations.

A Biodiversity Package, with \$80 million for a network of parks and reserves which contain major ecosystems unique to Australia, years for the Endangered Species program.

A Landcare Package; including \$279 million in additional funding for Landcare, farm forestry and property management planning; \$32 million for Australia's first National Land and Water Resources Audit; \$16 million for a National Feral Animals Control Strategy; and \$19 million for the National Weeds Strategy.

A Coasts and Clean Seas Package, with \$100 million to tackle coastal pollution hot spots, as well as the development of a comprehensive Ocean Policy for Australia.

The Natural Heritage Trust is the first ever capital fund dedicated solely to environmental rescue efforts. It clearly demonstrates the Howard Government's commitment to the protection of our nation's natural heritage.

Senator Minchin is a Liberal Senator from South Australia. He is the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister and the patron Senator the federal seat of Makin.

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Trish Draper, MP, meeting Mr Bill Clinton, President of the United States of America when Mr and Mrs Clinton recently visited Canberra.