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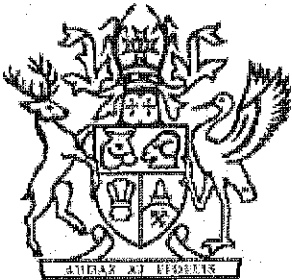
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Subject: Palmer

Hi Melissa,

Please find a statement from a spokesman for the premier.

The person who needs to come clean is Clive Palmer. This morning he said no-one he knows approached Mr Hart, only to have the approach confirmed by his state leader, Alex Douglas just hours later.

Mr Palmer denies inducements were offered to Mr Hart, but Alex Douglas has confirmed that Mr Hart was told that 'we would look after him if he joined us.'



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Good evening. Please find the Evening Media Summary for April 29 attached and below.

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Channel 10 5pm News

1st Story: Prime Minister Tony Abbott is facing criticism for introducing a new income tax in next month's budget. Anyone earning over \$80,000 a year will be forced to pay the new 'debt levy'.

2nd Story: A former brothel madam accused of murdering Queensland rugby league identity Tony McGrath has been refused bail.

3rd Story: US Marshalls have arrested Mongols motorcycle gang member Wade Yates-Tauai over the murder of Gold Coast Bandidos associate Max Waller last year. Queensland Police have been working with US authorities for almost a month. Police hope to arrest another two men in Queensland over the murder.

4th Story: A friend of alleged Gold Coast sniper Rick El Masri has told a Southport he warned Mr El Masri not to fire shots into a Surfers Paradise street in December 2010, as it was "against God's will".

5th Story: A Bayside mother has spoken out about the assault of her two children in their Capalaba home on Sunday night. The mother, who cannot be named for legal reasons, says she recalls seeing the alleged attacker before she left the children in care of her eldest daughter for 15 minutes.

6th Story: Matthew Lockley, the man who sparked a hijack scare on a flight to Bali last week, will face court in June.

7th Story: A Perth pilot has been forced to make an emergency landing after the engine caught fire mid-flight.

Others:

- One man has been arrested after a high-speed car chase through Logan this afternoon.
- Police are investigating an alleged inducement offered to Burleigh MP Michael Hart to join the Palmer United Party. Alex Douglas from the Palmer United Party says incentives were never offered. LNP MPs Jason Costigan, Stephen Bennett and Bruce Young have also been asked to join the Palmer United Party. Michael Hart says he won't change parties.

Channel 7 6pm News

1st Story: A teenage driver is in custody this evening after leading Police on a marathon chase in a stolen car through Logan.

2nd Story: Labor and the Greens are expected to block Prime Minister Tony Abbott's controversial plan for an additional, temporary tax to fix the deficit. The levy will apply only to Australians earning over \$80,000 per year.

3rd Story: Mongols motorcycle gang member Wade Yates-Taui has been arrested over the stabbing murder of Bandidos associate Max Waller on the Gold Coast in June last year. Police have applied to extradite Mr Yates-Taui back to Queensland. Two other men are wanted over the stabbing.

4th Story: A brothel madam accused of murdering rugby league identity Tony McGrath in May last year been refused bail in the Supreme Court. The woman allegedly became the sole beneficiary of Mr McGrath's will prior to the murder.

5th Story: A plane has made an emergency landing after its engine caught fire, moments after taking off from Perth.

6th Story: A 31 year old man, believed to be an Australian tourist, has been shot and killed during a bungled bag snatch in Argentina.

Others:

- A record number of parents have camped out overnight to secure a spot for their child on the waiting list for Prep at Coorparoo State School. This year the school only accepted 10 students from outside the catchment. There are now 309 schools in Queensland that have restricted enrolments due to high demand outside the catchment. Education Queensland has warned parents who make false claims about where their child lives could be referred to the Police.
- Two protesters in Cairns have been arrested after trying to stop the local Council from moving on a bat colony.
- Queensland Police are using home security video to fight suburban theft. Residents with security cameras can now be added to a Police register.
- The Palmer United Party has denied it is asking Queensland LNP MPs to join their party in an effort to become the State Opposition. MPs Jason Costigan and Michael Hart say they have both been asked to join the Palmer United Party. Local Government Minister David Crisafulli says PUP has created "a complete circus".
- Queensland judges are refusing to view images of child exploitation material when sentencing child sex offenders. In Queensland, images are categorised by their severity. The International Association of Prosecutors is pushing for a change in the practice, as it makes sentencing "more accurate".

Channel 9 6pm News

1st Story: A teenager has risked the lives of innocent bystanders by driving at high speeds in a Police chase for over an hour through suburbs south of Brisbane this afternoon. Police used road spikes to finally slow the stolen vehicle and apprehend the driver at Eagleby.

2nd Story: A plane carrying 90 passengers was forced to turn back and land at Perth Airport after one of its engines caught fire shortly after takeoff.

3rd Story: Prime Minister Tony Abbott has all but confirmed a temporary debt levy will be included in the Federal Budget, but claims the levy doesn't break his pre-election promise of no new taxes. However, the proposed levy may never pass through the Senate with both Labor and the Greens opposing it. Mr Abbott is also under fire for sticking with his paid parental leave scheme despite a growing number of Coalition MPs stating their opposition to it.

4th Story: Two security guards narrowly avoided severe injury when part of the ceiling collapsed at Brisbane International Airport this morning.

5th Story: At least 26 people have been killed in the United States mid-west by powerful tornadoes.

6th Story: Financial gain is suspected to be the motive in the murder of rugby league identity Tony McGrath at his Woolloongabba home last year. Mr McGrath's alleged killer is accused of faking a pregnancy and has been denied bail.

Others:

- The Palmer United Party is hoping to recruit MPs from the Queensland LNP. Gold Coast MP Michael Hart and Whitsunday MP Jason Costigan claim the Palmer United Party offered them inducements to join the party. State PUP leader Alex Douglas says LNP MPs are welcome to join their party. Local Government Minister David Crisafulli says Mr Palmer is less billionaire and more questionnaire.
- Stockland development North Lakes has busted through a property barrier with a five-bedroom house selling for over \$1 million.
- Mongols bikie Wade Yates-Tauai has been arrested by US Marshals in California for the murder of Bandidos associate Max Waller. Mr Waller was found stabbed to death outside a Broadbeach apartment building in June last year. Gold Coast detectives, Taskforce Maxima and US Marshals worked together to arrest 22 year old Yates-Tauai.
- A Tweed Heads man will appear in a Brisbane Court on June 6 to face charges for causing a hijacking scare on a Virgin Australia flight from Brisbane to Bali on Anzac Day.
- One driver every minute is caught speeding through Queensland school zones. Aviation High at Hendra was the Brisbane school that had the highest number of offenders breaching the speed limit in its school zone.

ABC 7pm News

1st Story: Prime Minister Tony Abbott is making a case for a temporary debt levy aimed at higher income earners. Prime Minister Abbott says a debt levy would not break an election promise of no new taxes. Labor and the Greens are pledging to block the levy in the Senate. Some economists have voiced concern, saying a levy is a short-term fix for the deficit.

2nd Story: At least four State Government MPs have rejected invitations to switch to the Palmer United Party. Alex Douglas says the LNP's 'ship is sinking'. MPs Bruce Young, Jason Costigan and Stephen Bennett have all been approached by PUP, with Burleigh MP Michael Hart reporting his offer from PUP to the Police. Treasurer Tim Nicholls says he expects all LNP members to reject the offer to switch parties. Local Government Minister David Crisafulli says we need to 'stop the circus and end the madness'.

3rd Story: Queensland farmer Garry Reed risks financial collapse after failing to stop a coal mine expansion by a company owned by Queensland's richest man, Chris Wallin. Mr Wallin's companies donated over \$120,000 to the LNP prior to the last State election. QCoal will now divert a creek, which supplies half of Mr Reed's property's water near Collinsville. Landholders feel diverting the creek could damage water quality. QCoal had previously promised a buffer zone to protect the creek.

4th Story: A plane has made an emergency landing after its engine caught fire shortly after taking off from a Perth airport.

5th Story: Tweed Heads plumber Matthew Lockley will appear in court in June for an alleged hijacking incident onboard a Virgin Australia flight last Friday.

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- The Australian Crime Commission has found authorities made more cannabis seizures in Queensland last financial year than in any other State.
- The State Government says it makes no apologies for fee hikes for some TAFE students. The Government previously merged institutes to create TAFE Queensland and the Queensland Teachers Union says students are paying the price of that change. Education Minister John-Paul Langbroek says subsidised fees have remained stable and increases reflect inflation.
- The Queensland Centre for Photography has shown its last exhibition after losing State Government funding. \$12.5 million dollars is to be slashed from the Queensland Arts budget over four years. Artist Marian Drew says it will leave a big hole for graduating art students. Arts Minister Ian Walker says tough decisions have to be made to rein-in spending.
- A Hopevale banana farm providing jobs to indigenous Queenslanders took a direct hit from Cyclone Ita and is facing collapse without Government support. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Glen Elmes says he will look at funding through various Government departments.
- Lockyer Valley primary school students have raised money for stock feed for drought-hit farmers. AgForce says many farmers are still waiting for funds to flow from a Federal drought assistance scheme.

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Australian Financial Review (6 items)
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Hedge fund chiefs patriotic attack on \$A
- Australian Financial Review
- Australia
- General News
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 145 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 200.00 cm2

After hedge fund manager Michael Hintze shorted the dollar last year, he has joked it was an act of patriotism. The former Army captain, one of Australia's most successful international investors, is in Sydney preparing for his role as an adviser to David Murray's financial services inquiry. Based in London, the billionaire closely followed the attempts by the Reserve Bank to talk down the dollar, which hit a new four month high of US93.29c on Tuesday.

Malaysia's mystery Qld toll road bidder
- Australian Financial Review
- Australia
- General News
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 49 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: No - Size: 23.00 cm2

Exclusive Malaysia's \$32 billion sovereign wealth fund, Khazanah Nasional Berhad, has emerged as the fourth bidder for Brisbane's Queensland Motorways. Khazanah is not known to have any bid partners and the QIC-owned company would seem too big for a single fund to bid for on its own.

Green light for \$1bn China deals

- Australian Financial Review
- Australia
- General News
- Phillip Coorey And Lisa Murray
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 906 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: No - Size: 380.00 cm2

Exclusive Abbott likely to water down FIRB rules

CFMEU agrees to WA construction pay cuts

- Australian Financial Review
- Australia
- General News
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 120 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: No - Size: 52.00 cm2

Exclusive In a surprise concession, West Australian construction workers agreed to pay cuts that could reduce labour costs by up to 20 per cent. The Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union has offered to reduce wage rates, redundancy payments and a union training levy.

Genworth's \$2bn float challenged

- Australian Financial Review
- Australia
- General News
- Ruth Liew And Tony Boyd
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 250 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: No - Size: 97.00 cm2

Genworth Financial will be hoping a sudden slump on United States share markets and the fallout from a US lawsuit won't derail its latest attempt to float its Australian mortgage insurance business. The \$2 billion IPO, slated for the first half of 2014, would be the largest ASX listing this year.

Inflation to stay low and jobless high: IMF

- Australian Financial Review
- Australia
- General News
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 60 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: No - Size: 23.00 cm2

Unemployment in Australia is likely to stay above 6 per cent throughout 2015, according to the International Monetary Fund. Inflation will remain in the lower half of the Reserve Bank's 2 to 3 per cent target over the same period, the IMF said, increasing the chances of official rates remaining low, which is likely to be good for house prices. Report p3

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The Australian (7 items)
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Sagging economy a test for Hockey

- The Australian
- Australia
- General News
- Judith Sloan
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 125 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 67.00 cm2

THE IMF has downgraded its forecasts for Australian GDP . It now seems that, in the eyes of the IMF at least, our economy will still be growing below trend in the year after next. This is bad news for Joe Hockey.

Brace for life in slow growth lane, says IMF

- The Australian
- Australia
- General News
- David Uren
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 745 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: No - Size: 306.00 cm2

AUSTRALIA'S economy will remain stuck in the slow lane for at least the next two years as the world economy struggles to achieve a sustained recovery. The International Monetary Fund has sharply downgraded its estimate for Australia's economic growth next year from 3 per cent to 2.7 per cent and cut its estimate for this year, from 2.8 per cent to 2.6 per cent.

ALP president calls for party reform

- The Australian
- Australia
- General News
- Troy Bramston Stefanie Balogh
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 882 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 706.00 cm2

EXCLUSIVE McALLISTER WARNS LABOR HAS 'A LONG WAY TO GO' TO START WINNING

Homes in scramble to switch to NBN

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- The Australian
- Australia
- General News
- Mitchell Bingemann
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 526 words
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THOUSANDS of homes and businesses that have not signed up for the National Broadband Network could be left without critical phone and internet connections next month as premises served by Telstra's copper network are switched off and moved on to the NBN. An estimated 19,000 homes and businesses from 15 towns across the nation and currently served by Telstra's copper network will be switched over to the NBN on May 23 in just 45 days.

Newman's poll slide puts LNP in danger zone

- The Australian
- Australia
- General News
- Michael McKenna
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 949 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 502.00 cm2

EXCLUSIVE QUEENSLAND'S Liberal National Party government has lost more than 10 percentage points of support since the March 2012 election, with Campbell Newman's once unassailable personal popularity as Brisbane lord mayor plummeting since he became Premier.

Don't bleat over slim pickings, farmers told

- The Australian
- Australia
- General News
- DAVID CROWE SID MAHER
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 824 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 719.00 cm2

TRADE Minister Andrew Robb and prominent agribusiness leader Donald McGauchie have hit back at the bitter disappointment in some farm sectors with the Japan trade deal, dismissing their criticism as "glass-half-empty, short sighted comments" and warning it is wrong to set unrealistic expectations. Mr McGauchie, the chairman of Nufarm and former head of the National Farmers Federation, said the Japanese agreement was "every bit as good as you could hope for" and produced a remarkable result for Australia.

Community anger over BHP coalmine plan

- The Australian
- Australia
- General News
- Matt Chambers Sarah-jane Tasker
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 489 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: No - Size: 196.00 cm2

BHP Billiton has revealed plans to build what is tipped to be the world's biggest underground coalmine beneath the fertile Liverpool Plains near Gunnedah, hardening local opposition to the project. The mining giant has kick-started the environmental approval process for the contentious Carooona thermal coalmine 40km southeast of Gunnedah, submitting documents to federal and state governments showing it could produce 10 million tonnes of thermal coal a year, or more than 5 per cent of Australia's current exports.

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Adelaide Advertiser (2 items)
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- PAY FOR OUR PAIN
- Adelaide Advertiser
 - Adelaide
 - General News
 - Simon Benson
 - 09/04/2014, Page 1, 460 words
 - Type: News Item, Photo: No - Size: 393.00 cm2

Bid to charge patients clogging ER wards with minor ailments PATIENTS who clog emergency wards with minor ailments such as the common cold would be charged for treatment in reforms under Government consideration.

- SECRET PLAN
- Adelaide Advertiser
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 - General News
 - Tim Williams Katrina Stokes
 - 09/04/2014, Page 1, 533 words
 - Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 1,209.00 cm2

An Adelaide Zoo without lions and giraffes - it's no tall story [PAGE 7] Is it now end of the lion for Adelaide Zoo?

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Age (2 items)
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- Japan deal has dairy farmers cheesed off
- Age
 - Melbourne
 - General News
 - 09/04/2014, Page 1, 460 words
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Darren Gray Rural Affairs Reporter Australian dairy farmers have expressed "extreme disappointment" over the new "free trade" deal with Japan, labelling it a "dud deal" and "lost opportunity". Farmers said it fell well short of dairy

Medicines killing hundreds

- Age
- Melbourne
- General News
- Kate Hagan
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 609 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 437.00 cm2

Exclusive Prescriptions Legal pills linked to more overdose deaths than illicit drugs

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Canberra Times (5 items)
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Tenants told to make way

- Canberra Times
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- Kirsten Lawson
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 272 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 128.00 cm2

Public housing tenants are facing major disruption as the government redevelops as many as 853 units along Northbourne Avenue and Cooyong Street as part of its revitalisation of the city centre. A change to the Territory Plan took effect on Friday to allow the Cooyong Street development, which involves demolishing the Allawah, Bega and Currong public housing blocks to make way for new residential and commercial development.

Room for 45,000 more on city strip

- Canberra Times
- Canberra
- General News
- Kirsten Lawson
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 596 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: No - Size: 332.00 cm2

Northbourne redevelopment By Kirsten Lawson Chief Assembly Reporter The ACT government believes there will be room for at least another 45,000 residents along Northbourne Avenue under redevelopment of the main road into the city.

Libs want auditor in on environmental reporting

- Canberra Times
- Canberra
- General News
- Christopher Knaus
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 609 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 345.00 cm2

The opposition will push for broader scrutiny of the ACT's management of environmental reporting in the wake of the pollution of Hume groundwater with potentially dangerous chemicals. The Canberra Liberals are expected to move a motion on Wednesday calling for the Auditor-General's involvement in the case. This is likely to spark debate over the state of environmental protection in the territory.

It's family first as Abby parts ways with Opals

- Canberra Times
- Canberra
- General News
- Chris Dutton
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 687 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 741.00 cm2

A new Basketball Australia parental policy has forced Canberra's Abby Bishop to put family ahead of playing for her country and quit her world championship dreams. Bishop would have lost money on her bid to represent the Australian Opals in Turkey after BA ruled she would need to pay for flights, accommodation and childcare for Zala, the seven-month-old baby in her care.

Health watchdog rebukes prison officers over handcuffing of patient

- Canberra Times
- Canberra
- General News
- Noel Towell Public Service
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 515 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: No - Size: 231.00 cm2

By Noel Towell Chief Public Service Reporter The ACT's health complaints authority has blasted the process that led to a prisoner being handcuffed for five days to a bed at Canberra Hospital in 2012. But the territory's Corrective Services is unrepentant, saying that decisions made at the time of the incident, in August 2012, would be made in the same way in future.

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Courier Mail (2 items)
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HOSPITAL P ASS

- Courier Mail
- Brisbane
- General News
- Simon Benson;
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 452 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 524.00 cm2

EXCLUSIVE Emergency ward fee-for-service plan PATIENTS could soon be charged for visiting public hospital emergency departments.

'A beautiful girl like Sophie ... it's just wrong'
- Courier Mail
- Brisbane
- General News
- Greg Stolz Thomas Chamberlin
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 447 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 1,547.00 cm2

TEARS OF ACCUSED KILLER'S MUM Diane Milward paid an emotional tribute to Sophie Collombet at the site the student died, as her son Ben (inset) was charged with murder yesterday REPORTS P4-5

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Daily Telegraph (2 items)
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COUGH UP THE CASH
- Daily Telegraph
- Sydney
- General News
- Simon Benson
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 338 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: No - Size: 423.00 cm2

No more free treatment at emergency departments PATIENTS who crowd hospital emergency wards seeking treatment for minor ailments such as a cold will be charged under reforms being considered by the federal government.

HUNT FOR MH370 I Know it's down there some where
- Daily Telegraph
- Sydney
- General News
- Paul Toohey
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 527 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 1,169.00 cm2

NAVY divers yesterday donned masks, fins and snorkels to scour beneath the surface of the vast Indian Ocean for traces of debris from missing Malaysia Flight MH370. A deathly silence fell on the ocean floor as pings, believed to be signals from the aircraft's black box, ceased. The searchers are now in a race against time to find the plane, 1600km north-west of Perth.

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Herald Sun (2 items)
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COVER-UP

Release

- Herald Sun
- Melbourne
- General News
- Padraic Murphy
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 683 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 615.00 cm2

Judge slams church over paedophile priest secrets

GELDOF CURSE

- Herald Sun
- Melbourne
- General News
- Guy Adams
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 1,199 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 1,977.00 cm2

Mystery surrounds the death of Sir Bob's daughter, Peaches, another chapter in a tragic story that has included the death of her mother, Paula Yates, and Michael Hutchence SPECIAL REPORT & PICTURES, P8-9 'Peaches was the wildest, funniest, cleverest, w

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Hobart Mercury (2 items)

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LOGGERHEADS

- Hobart Mercury
- Hobart
- General News
- Blair Richards
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 534 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 719.00 cm2

Libs fire first salvo in forestry wars by moving to re-open heritage areas THE first real shots of the renewed forestry wars have been fired, with the newly elected Hodgman Government unveiling plans to earmark hundreds of thousands of hectares of Tasmanian

Smile Tassie! 10,000 faces have I

- Hobart Mercury
- Hobart
- General News
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 244 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 602.00 cm2

EMMA HOPE FROM St Helens to Salamanca to Strahan, snap happy photographer Manabu Kondo has finally reached his target of 10,000 portraits of Tasmanian faces. Mr Kondo, pictured, said he was excited to pass the figure but his Tasmania 10,000 People Project was far from over.

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Northern Territory News (2 items)

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Pub thrilled to become film set

- Northern Territory News
- Darwin
- General News
- Megan Palin
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 287 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 597.00 cm2

DALY CALL UP TO BIG SCREEN FULL STORY >> P2

NUDE RUDE DUDE IN LEWD MOOD

- Northern Territory News
- Darwin
- General News
- Matt Williams
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 307 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 697.00 cm2

MATT WILLIAMS Naked man spotted lurking in bushes near beach >> P2

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Sydney Morning Herald (3 items)

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Children suffer DNA damage from stress

- Sydney Morning Herald
- Sydney
- General News
- Nicky Phillips
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 493 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: No - Size: 243.00 cm2

Children who grow up in poverty or an unstable family show early signs of genetic ageing that may make them more vulnerable to certain diseases, a study has found. Telomeres, the protective caps that prevent the ends of chromosomes from unravelling over time, were shorter in children who had a severely disadvantaged upbringing compared with children from privileged backgrounds.

So much tax, so little return

- Sydney Morning Herald
- Sydney
- General News
- Matt Wade
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 613 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 391.00 cm2

Infrastructure City's growth stymied by federal 'fiscal imbalance' Reshaping h the west

Seoul man gets down to business

- Sydney Morning Herald
- Sydney
- General News
- Mark Kenny
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 600 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 661.00 cm2

Tony Abbott has made a direct pitch for a slice of almost \$1 trillion of Korean retirement savings. Mark Kenny reports, Page 8 Analysis Peter Hartcher and more reports, Pages 8-9

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West Australian (1 item)

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THORPE HEALTH CRISIS

- West Australian
- Perth
- General News
- 09/04/2014, Page 1, 283 words
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes - Size: 775.00 cm2

Infection grips our greatest Olympian Sydney There were fears last night that Ian Thorpe Australia's greatest Olympian will lose the use of his left arm after it was revealed he is in intensive care in a Sydney hospital with a serious infection.

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<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/mp-michael-hart-says-pup-offered-inducements-20140429-37exm.html>

MP Michael Hart says PUP offered inducements

Date

April 29, 2014 - 11:35AM

Amy Remeikis

The feud between the Newman government and Clive Palmer shows no signs of cooling off.

Gold Coast MP Michael Hart alleges an emissary claiming to be from the Palmer United Party offered him inducements to switch political allegiances.

Mr Hart told *The Courier-Mail* he was asked "what can I offer you to come across to the Palmer Party" and responded by "slam[ming] the door in his face then and report[ing] the matter to police".

Mr Palmer has denied knowledge of the event but accused Premier Campbell Newman of "demanding" and being given "large inducements" to act as de-facto party leader from outside parliament in the lead up to the 2012 election.

Mr Palmer released a statement, claiming "Mr Newman demanded the LNP pay him a six figure salary and other entitlements, including staff and a motor vehicle".

Mr Newman had left his \$211,327 Lord Mayor salary behind at City Hall in 2011 to run for Queensland parliament.

Declarations to the Electoral Commission Queensland that same year showed the LNP had paid Mr Newman \$12,000 a month while he campaigned outside parliament.

Mr Palmer claims LNP executive president Bruce McIver and vice-president Gary Spence "offered Mr Newman generous inducements, which he gleefully accepted".

"As time went by and the election neared, Mr Newman demanded even more money and more entitlements and resources. This was provided by the LNP hierarchy," Mr Palmer said in a statement.

A spokesman for Mr Newman denied the Premier demanded entitlements.

Mr Palmer announced on Sunday he would launch legal action against Mr Newman for comments he made alleging the Fairfax MP "buys people and buys votes". The Palmer United Party is aiming to be a force in Queensland politics for the next election, announcing its candidate selection has begun.

The LNP has announced senior Queensland Ambulance Service officer Sid Cramp will run against PUP Queensland leader Alex Douglas in the seat of Gaven, while PUP MP Carl Judge will move seats and face Attorney-General Jarrod Bleijie in Kawana at the next election.

But suggestions the party could win official opposition status from Labor before the next election will be hampered by changes the LNP made to legislation in late 2012, which denied the Katter Australian Party official party status.

The government, supported by Labor, changed registered political party laws, which had allowed parties with three members to access additional funds for staff and resources.

When Ray Hopper left the LNP for KAP in November 2012, the party qualified for additional money under the previous law until the amendments, which stated all three members needed to have been elected under the party banner at an election, were passed.

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Hi Gerard,

Please find the transcript attached.

Cheers
Dan

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Hi,

Can we get a transcript of Alex Douglas on radio this morning.

Thanks,

Gerard

NICOLE DYER:

Allegations of MP buying by the Palmer United Party now spilling further into the state arena. Federal MP Clive Palmer yesterday announced that he was suing Queensland Premier Campbell Newman for defamation after he said Mister Palmer was trying to buy his Government. This morning Burleigh LNP MP Michael Hart said he was concerned by the way he was approached by the Palmer United Party to switch camps. PUP Member for Gaven, Alex Douglas, says everything was above board in relation to Mister Hart. And says the statement outlined in today's Gold Coast Bulletin is not correct.

ALEX DOUGLAS:

Okay to deal with Michael Hart's claims first, Michael Hart's claims are a lie. They're a deliberate lie and there meant to confuse people and to misrepresent what people might think.

NICOLE DYER:

That's a pretty big thing to say given Mister Hart has taken this to police?

ALEX DOUGLAS:

I'm reading his statement in this morning's paper that he was invited to name his price for switching alliance, allegiances to a man who was claiming to act for Palmers United Party. Well he better put up or shut up because if he can't prove that he's in a terrible position and he was never offered anything to change parties other than we would look after him in the Party, if he joined us.

NICOLE DYER:

Doctor Douglas when was Mister Hart approached to join the Palmer United Party, when did this happen?

ALEX DOUGLAS:

Look I don't know the exact date but I'm led to believe that you know, several weeks ago someone spoke to him.

NICOLE DYER:

Why Michael Hart?

ALEX DOUGLAS:

Because the Party's... the LNP's, dumping him. They're not going to preselect him.

NICOLE DYER:

How do you know that the LNP is going to dump him?

ALEX DOUGLAS:

Well, they don't make those sort of things public. But they are sandbagging seats, they realise they're facing an historic crash in the polls. This is the reality of what's going on behind the scenes and the public opinion is so strongly against them they're going to be absolutely smashed come the election and they deserve to be walloped and they're probably going to lose every seat on the Gold Coast and every seat on the Sunshine Coast and they may only win two seats in Brisbane.

NICOLE DYER:

Where are you getting these statistics from?

ALEX DOUGLAS:

We're a Party of substance and we poll. We poll. Okay that's what we do and we do it regularly and the LNP realise that they've, they'll be polling as well, cause' they'll have the same results we've got and we know that they are facing an historic loss. The Labor Party, there's no good news for them. Their polling's terrible, terrible, it remains awful and it hasn't improved despite what they carry on about the Redcliffe election. The reality is this will be a tussle between ourselves and probably the rump of the LNP when the election comes around. Now Michael Hart...

NICOLE DYER:

Just on the subject of Michael Hart, you say that you wanted to approach him because you believe he won't be pre-selected by the LNP for next year's state election so in effect you were offering him a political lifeline?

ALEX DOUGLAS:

Yes. In fact I've done it to Michael before when he was originally like a third choice candidate, he contacted me when he failed in the pre-selection which was a run-off pre-selection of whatever happened in the Seat of Burleigh and said that he felt that he wasn't being fairly dealt with and if he's going to be honest and truthful he wasn't being fairly dealt with and if he's going to be honest and truthful with you he'll tell you that I went and sought the LNP people on his behalf even then it was my electoral officer who'd been pre-selected ahead of him and said look I think this fellow does deserve some fairness and maybe he wasn't given entire fairness. Now for all intent and purposes he wasn't really entitled to that, but I gave him that chance previously. Michael knows that I would never do anything unfair to him.

NICOLE DYER:

How would you sum up your relationship with Michael Hart?

ALEX DOUGLAS:

I would say it's very civil, very cordial. I haven't asked Michael to change Parties at all and it's a very civil and cordial relationship.

NICOLE DYER:

Would you describe yourself as someone who is looking out for Michael Hart's best interests?

ALEX DOUGLAS:

When I was in the LNP like my...my wife's the former Vice President of the National Party, we looked after everyone's interest. I was interested in every candidate and I always wanted them to succeed.

NICOLE DYER:

Was it your suggestion to get Michael Hart to be part of the Party?

ALEX DOUGLAS:

I was aware that... no. But I'll answer it by saying that I was aware that Michael was one of the candidates that was not going to be pre-selected or properly endorsed as an endorsed candidate and as you know, as part of our campaign, we're in a campaign mode ready for the election, we shared that information. It's normal in politics to talk to other people who are in Government at the time.

NICOLE DYER:

So just to be clear, no inducement was made...

ALEX DOUGLAS:

No inducement.

NICOLE DYER:

No inducement was made to Michael Hart by the Palmer United Party?

ALEX DOUGLAS:

No inducement whatsoever.

NICOLE DYER:

No misunderstanding, maybe the person who called him. Who are we allowed, can you say who called Michael Hart?

ALEX DOUGLAS:

No I'm not going to say who called Michael Hart. People do in politics, this is... this is how these things do go about, people do talk to people I mean if that's how your politics is conducted you talk to one another. That's normal.

NICOLE DYER:

That's Palmer United Party member for Gaven, Dr Alex Douglas.

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Michael Hart unsure how inducements complaint went public

Date

April 29, 2014 - 4:02PM

Amy Remeikis

The Gold Coast MP at the centre of the latest political spat between the government and the Palmer United Party says he doesn't know how his police complaint became public.

The member for Burleigh, Michael Hart, said someone affiliated with the Palmer United Party phoned him on April 9 and offered him inducements to switch his political allegiances from the LNP to the PUP.

Mr Hart said he contacted Premier Campbell Newman – who was in South Korea on a trade mission – by text message to tell him of the approach and contacted police on April 10.

“I had an interview with police about three days after that and I put it aside, and I didn't hear anything about it until *The Courier Mail* rang me and asked me to confirm if it was true or not,” he said.

“And I am a straight shooter, so I said 'yes, that's what happened'.”

Mr Hart said he thought it was “inappropriate” to name the person who approached him, who was someone he had “known for a number of years”, but had not had any dealings with since they became “heavily involved with the Palmer party”.

He said he had not yet spoken to the Parliamentary Clerk about whether any rules of parliament had been broken, but he would.

“I am not a lawyer or anything – I just thought the appropriate thing to do with what is happening interstate and everything else is to report it to the police and let them decide whether it is an issue or not,” he said.

Mr Hart said he did not know why Palmer United had approached him and he thought its Queensland parliamentary leader Alex Douglas “would have known me better than that”.

“I am very supportive of everything this government does and everything that Campbell Newman and the cabinet do,” he said.

“I had a bit of an issue in this electorate with the government proceeding with a quarry that I would like to see not take place in my electorate.

“Maybe they thought I was disgruntled and prepared to jump ship, but I would have thought Alex Douglas would have known me better than that.

“I actually helped Alex Douglas get elected the first time he ran for the National Party, so he knows me quite well and up until today I thought we were on reasonably good terms.

"It wasn't Dr Douglas [who made the approach], but I am very disappointed with some of the comments he has made about me today in the media, calling me a liar."

Dr Douglas disputed Mr Hart's recollection of the phone call and said Mr Hart had not been offered inducements to join the PUP.

"A call was made was made on the 9th of April, but it is nothing like Michael Hart has stated," he said, adding that he thought the timing of the release was "convenient" given Mr Palmer's recent announcement of legal action against Mr Newman.

"The person spoke to him and said if you wish to, you could come join us. That was it."

Mr Palmer announced on Sunday evening he would pursue legal action against Mr Newman for comments the Premier had made earlier in the day, accusing the Fairfax MP of trying to "buy people and buy votes".

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Gold Coast MP recorded conversation with Clive Palmer party official

Date

May 6, 2014 - 1:12PM

Amy Remeikis

"So what would I have to offer you for you to come over and join the Palmer United?"

Gold Coast MP Michael Hart said that was the moment he was offered an inducement by Jim Macnally, a representative of the Palmer Party, during a phone conversation on April 9.

Mr Hart recorded the conversation and tabled a transcript of it in parliament on Tuesday.

In the transcript, Mr Macnally is recorded as saying he "won't beat around the bush" and gets straight to the point, that PUP needs just one more MP to become the state opposition.

"I don't want to insult you in anyway, but I jut thought I could give you a call, um, because we have been given the names of 12 people that the party is not going to endorse for the next state election and I will give those people a call and see if they are interested in coming over and joining with the Palmer United and forming the Opposition," he said.

"It would also give you the opportunity to run at the next state election as one of our leading candidates for the state campaign and we will support you fully, 100 per cent, which I know that the LNP and Liberal party don't do.

"...Michael, I am gong to leave this with you, I understand that it is a big call for you and big thing to do with your life, but the opportunities we could offer you are enormous - the Palmer United Party is going a long way. We are tracking up 15 per cent of the state and we believe that is going to grow dramatically when our Senators take position on 1 July.

"We are going to run a senate inquiry into the state government of Queensland to find out where various things, why things are happening.

"It is going to be a public Senate inquiry and a lot of information is going to come out on that about various state members in the Queensland parliament.

"So what would I have to offer you for you to come over and join the Palmer United?"

Mr Hart answered that he was a "pretty blunt person" and "quite frankly there is nothing you can offer me, mate. I am LNP through and through and I will stay there."

Mr Macnally replies "fair enough" and leaves him with the offer to meet Clive Palmer and promises him confidentiality.

Mr Hart thanked him for the call. But following the conversation, he sent a text message to the Premier, who was overseas on a trade mission, to alert him of the approach and called the police, claiming he had been offered an inducement.

A police spokeswoman later announced that, having reviewed the matter, officers would not take their investigation further.

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<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-05-06/clive-palmer-rejects-allegations-of-bribery-and-contempt/5434360?section=qld>

Clive Palmer rejects allegations of bribery and contempt over PUP effort to lure Gold Coast MP to party

By Brad Ryan and Meinda Howells
Updated 6 minutes ago

Burleigh MP Michael Hart has asked the Queensland Speaker to investigate whether a Palmer United Party (PUP) official committed a contempt of Parliament by offering him incentives to leave the LNP.

Mr Hart has tabled in parliament a taped conversation in which PUP official Jim Macanally asks him: "What would I have to offer you to come over and join?"

The conversation was recorded last month.

But PUP founder, Federal MP Clive Palmer, says the recording does not support allegations of political bribery.

Mr Palmer says there is nothing sinister about the question posed to Mr Hart.

"All that means is, are you interested in being endorsed for a seat, what policies would you want for your electorate, that sort of thing," Mr Palmer said.

"That's political-speak really.

"He was making the inquiry about those things, he wasn't offering him anything.

"He said 'what would you take' so he could report that to our executive and see whether we're interested or not."

Police have already looked into a complaint from Mr Hart and say they will take no further action.

But Mr Hart says the matter should be referred to Parliament's ethics committee.

"The offering or attempting to offer an inducement to a member otherwise known as a bribe to achieve an outcome that affects the proceedings of the legislative assembly is clearly a contempt identified by section 37 of the Parliament of Qld Act 2001," Mr Hart said.

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