



Representing Perth in Canberra

I recently spoke in Parliament on the terrible situation facing many people in my electorate who are experiencing appallingly slow internet speeds. To make matters worse Turnbull's "Fraud-Band" is nearly two years away from being delivered in many Perth suburbs.

Below is an extract from that speech.

There is an absurdity that lies at the heart of the Turnbull government's National Broadband Network rollout plan, which means that so far, six years after the start of the National Broadband Network Companies Act, my federal electorate of Perth has only recently undertaken its rollout plan in order to be connected.

Well, when I say 'my electorate', in truth only a very, very small parcel has recently received that magical purple shading on NBN Co's rollout map...

The absurdity is this: I am contacted, as I'm sure all members of this place are, every week—day in, day out—by constituents complaining, quite rightly, about appallingly slow internet speeds.

I recently met with Jill, who is running a wonderful pearl jewellery business in East Perth. The business is going well, but its potential is thwarted; it could be going so much better if she had a meaningful and reliable NBN connection. So much of her business relies on connectivity to manage stock in Australia and overseas, to manage and train staff, to communicate with traders around the

world, and yet she cannot get her own phone line. She has to share a line with her neighbour. The only internet connectivity she has is with mobile broadband. Reliability suffers and she is regularly disconnected in the middle of transactions - simple web-based tasks take hours longer than they should, costing Jill's small business valuable time and valuable money. This Prime Minister's 'Fraud-Band' is single-handedly holding back this small business from growing and achieving its true potential.



Jill's pearl jewellery business is being stifled by disgracefully poor telecommunications infrastructure.

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Only Labor Guarantees a Fair Share for WA



Bill Shorten and our WA Federal Labor team are proud to announce the new \$1.6 billion *Fair Share for WA Fund*. The fund will invest extra Federal money into WA infrastructure, over and above current funding.

Labor's *Fair Share for WA Fund* will become law within 100 days of a Shorten Labor Government being elected, and invest \$1.6 billion in road, rail and other infrastructure projects in our state in partnership with the WA Government.

Western Australia currently receives a mere 34 cents in the dollar of GST. The new fund will bring the effective rate up to 70 cents in the dollar.

Bill Shorten's Fair Share for WA Fund will create the equivalent of a 70 cent in the dollar GST distribution floor for our State.

Working as a shadow minister



“Labor has led the charge to stop companies charging consumers for paper bills.”

Charging a fee for paper bills targets those on the wrong side of the digital divide.

Along with my Federal Labor colleagues and the Keep Me Posted campaign team we shone a light on the growing practice of utilities, banks and telcos charging pensioners for the dubious privilege of continuing to receive their bills in the mail.

Labor moved motions in the House of Representatives and the Senate calling for fees for paper bills to be banned, and forced the Government to discuss the issue at the annual meeting of Federal, State and Territory consumer affairs ministers in late August.

This is a big step toward making a real difference in the lives of people who simply cannot afford to pay extra to receive bills they should be receiving for free.



Flu shots can be administered by approved local pharmacists – It was really handy for me to pop down to Pharmacy 777 Maylands to have my shot this winter.



There was a fantastic response to my mobile office in Mount Hawthorn earlier this month. I was able to discuss local community issues and heard some great ideas from local community members.



I rolled up my sleeves and got my hands dirty planting trees with the students at Highgate Primary School and the team from City Toyota who sponsor Planet Ark's National Tree Day.

Working in our local community

Here is a snapshot of some of the things I've been doing in our community:

- Presented medallions at the finish line of the Avon Descent
- Attended the final AGM and morning tea of the Maylands Autumn Club
- Had a flu shot at Paharmacy 777 Maylands and raised awareness of the importance of getting vaccinated
- Spoke to Aranmore Catholic College year 9s about civics, citizenship and government
- Made an appearance on Community Television program *The Couch*
- Planted trees with students at Highgate Primary School for National Tree Day
- Met with locals at the Mount Lawley Farmers' Markets
- Attended a Citizenship Ceremony at the City of Perth
- Discussed local issues at my mobile offices in Mount Hawthorn and Noranda
- Met with the team of volunteers at The Shopfront, a Maylands charity helping people experiencing homelessness
- Spoke to Mount Hawthorn Primary School students as part of National Science week
- Stopped by community radio station RTR FM to support Radiothon 2017



I joined the outgoing Maylands Autumn Club committee at the club's final morning tea after more than 50 years of service to the community.



The White Ribbon dinner was an opportunity to discuss the need for secure funding with service providers who work with the victims of domestic and family violence.



I was blown away by the stamina and courage of this year's Avon Descent participants, and had the great privilege of awarding medallions at the finishing line.