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Prominent Australians join ANU Governing Council



From left: Professor Patrick Dodson, Professor Suzanne Cory, Chancellor Gareth Evans AC QC, Naomi Flutter and Ben Niles.

Diary Dates

August 7– Greg Combet – *The Fights of My Life*, Manning Clark 2

August 14 ANUEF Biannual Lecture by Professor Helen Small, University of Oxford 6pm, Haydon Allen Lecture theatre. “*The value of the humanities*”. Also, in the “Meet the authors” lectures organised by Colin Steele:

August 19 – Geraldine Doogue, Alannah MacTiernan and Julie Bishop, *The Climb: Conversations with Australian Women in Power* –venue will depend on the nature of the conversation and ANU security.**Aug 20** Wed 4pm Ron Wells “False Paternity”

Sept 3 Collunch Tom Swann, Fenner School “Divestment - divesting ourselves of climate-damaging and unethical investments”

Sept 17 Wed 4pm Elizabeth Truswell. “Early Antarctic exploration: intersection of art and science.”

There are 4 free car parking spaces for ANUEF members visiting the Molony Room in the Balmain Lane Car Park immediately south of the Molony Room.

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The Australian National University has welcomed four new members to its governing Council, adding new depth and diversity.

The new members are molecular biologist Professor Suzanne Cory AC, indigenous leader Professor Patrick Dodson, and banker and refugee worker Naomi Flutter. The newly elected president of the ANU Postgraduate and Research Students' Association Ben Niles also joins as a student representative.

ANU Chancellor Professor Gareth Evans AC QC said, "Patrick Dodson, Suzanne Cory and Naomi Flutter are outstanding Australians and ANU is really privileged to have such a pool of talent and experience joining us. We have a fantastic spread of talent and a really serious commitment to the institution.

Professor Cory, a past President of the Australian Academy of Science, is a distinguished molecular biologist whose research has had a major impact on the understanding of immunology and the development of cancer. He said on his appointment, "I am very honoured to be invited to be part of ANU. I am looking forward to working with the Council to position ANU even more strongly in the Australian scene. In my role I will be focusing on areas of science and making sure that we have the strongest appointments possible that will drive the future scientific contribution of this great organisation."

Professor Dodson, regarded as the father of Australian reconciliation, is one of the nation's most prominent indigenous leaders. He said, "It is a great opportunity to be associated with a great university that has contributed immensely to this nation and no doubt will continue to do so in the fields of research and learning. I hope to gain a better understanding of the challenges we face as a nation and ensure our young people are resourced for the future."

Ms Flutter is an ANU alumna who is currently head of Global Transaction Banking, Australia and New Zealand, for Deutsche Bank. She has previously worked for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Kenya and Nepal. She commented, "It was the experience at ANU that set me on the wonderful journey I have been on over the last 20 years. For me it is tremendous to have the opportunity to give back to an institution that has been so significant in my personal development."

Mr Niles is the President of the ANU Postgraduate and Research Students' Association. In 2013 he commenced the Juris Doctor with the ANU College of Law. Before coming to the ANU he worked as an auditor for PricewaterhouseCoopers and as coordinator for the not-for-profit tutoring organisation Embrace Education. He said, "The appointment to the University Council provides me the opportunity to present perspectives from the post-graduate body and have an ear that is close to the ground whilst also looking toward the overall strategic vision of the university. I hope to achieve long term strategic development in the university, particularly in the areas of research and student recruitment."

New authority appointments

Six new members of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) have been appointed by the Minister for Education, Christopher Pyne. They are:

Professor Emeritus Brian Caldwell, a well-known and respected academic, author and consultant on school improvement has been appointed as the Deputy Chair.

Michael Hewitson, the foundation principal of Trinity College, author, and the current Councillor for the South Australian city of Unley, is the Commonwealth Minister's nominee.

Valerie Gould, Executive Director of the WA Association of Independent Schools,

Dr Paul Sharkey, Director, Catholic Education in South Australia,

Patrea Walton Deputy Director General, Queensland Department of Education, Training and Employment, and

Stephen Gniel, Executive Director, Education Strategy, ACT Directorate of Education and Training.

Mr Pyne said, "The role of ACARA is to improve learning for young Australians through world-class school curriculum, assessment and reporting. These six new appointments bring a wealth of experience to the ACARA board and they will work with the seven ongoing ACARA board members."

ACARA supports the Australian Government's Students First approach, focusing on four key areas:

- teacher quality
- school autonomy
- parental engagement
- strengthening the curriculum

Online copyright infringement paper

The Commonwealth Government has released the *Online Copyright Infringement Discussion Paper* and is seeking public submissions on the draft proposals designed to address online piracy.

According to the Government announcement, Australia has one of the highest rates of online copyright piracy in the world. This has a significant impact on Australia's creative industries, including music, television, cinema, software, broadcast and publishing industries, which employ more than 900,000 people and generates more than \$90 billion in economic value each year.

The ease with which copyrighted content can be digitised and distributed online means there is no easy solution to preventing online copyright infringement. International experience has shown that a range of measures are necessary to reduce piracy.

Rights holders need to ensure that content can be accessed easily and at a reasonable price. Internet service providers (ISPs) can take reasonable steps to ensure their systems are not used to infringe copyright. Consumers are urged to access content lawfully.

The Government says its preference is to create a legal framework that will facilitate industry cooperation to develop flexible and effective measures to combat online piracy. This Discussion Paper seeks the views of the public and stakeholders on proposals to establish such a legal framework.

The Discussion Paper is available through the Attorney-General's Department website at www.ag.gov.au. Submissions are sought by end of **1 September 2014** and can be emailed to copyrightconsultation@ag.gov.au.

International student representation

Universities Australia, the body representing Australia's universities, reminds international students that every university provides information and assistance services to support international students on a range of issues including accommodation, immigration, work rights, travel concessions and student safety.

The Council of International Students Australia (CISA), which seeks to represent the interests of the over half a million international students attending Australia's universities, provides a voice for international students and advocates for policy settings and a university environment designed to enhance the quality of the international student experience in Australia.

Concerns have recently been raised on campuses that international students may be targeted by unauthorised groups or fall victim to scams. Students are reminded not to give their personal information to any person or organisation unless they can be assured of the legitimacy of that organisation.

Universities Australia encourages any student unsure of the organisation requesting personal information to talk to their university. "Australia's universities aim to provide the most effective range of services to ensure a safe and productive environment for students to complete their studies," Universities Australia's Chief Executive, Belinda Robinson said.

"If students are unsure about the assistance that can be provided or are feeling in need of support, we encourage you to speak directly to your student office on campus or to reach out to your recognised student representative body members, including CISA officials," she added.

Advisory council on early learning

Assistant Minister for Education, Sussan Ley has announced the establishment of the Ministerial Advisory Council for Child Care and Early Learning, which is chaired by the Assistant Minister and co-chaired by former Commonwealth Department Secretary, Dr Jeff Harmer AO. The Council includes members representing a range of perspectives from across the child care and early learning sector.

The Council provides a forum where strategic policies affecting the child care and early learning sector can be considered, and where informative consultation with the sector can take place.

Learning and research centres for Charles Sturt University

Three specialised centres of learning and research will form a diverse new Canberra Office of Charles Sturt University (CSU), officially recently opened by the Minister for Education, Christopher Pyne.

The Canberra Office in Barton brings together the Australian Graduate School of Policing and Security, the Centre for Customs and Excise Studies and the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics.

Mr Pyne said, “The makeup of the Canberra Office highlights the importance and reach of CSU as Australia’s largest regionally based university, and its growing presence in Canberra. It is also a great way to showcase CSU’s status as the world’s largest provider of university education in law enforcement, counter-terrorism, emergency management, customs and border security.”

The Australian Graduate School of Policing and Security was established in 1993 and has grown to become the world’s largest provider of university education for law enforcement. The Centre for Customs and Excise Studies is the first of its kind in the world, and its international leadership role has been acknowledged by the World Customs Organisation (WCO). The Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics (CAPPE) – now in its 15th year of operation – is the world’s largest concentration of applied philosophers.

“The range of courses and research being delivered through the CSU Canberra Office is a good example of the diversity the Government wants to see expand and thrive under our higher education reforms,” Mr Pyne said. “Deregulation of the higher education system will make possible the diversity of choices for students and the quality of courses that we need.

“Universities and colleges will have to compete for students, and students will win – on choice, on quality, and on value for money. At the heart of this freedom and competition is a massive expansion of opportunity through access to Government-supported higher education. In this environment, the kind of diversity on display at CSU’s Canberra Office will flourish nationally.”

ANU Emeritus Faculty Biannual Lecture

The Value of the Humanities

Professor of English Literature at Oxford University and Jonathan and Julia Aisbitt Fellow of English, Pembroke College, Oxford. Professor Helen Small, will give the ANU Emeritus Faculty Biannual Lecture, titled *The Value of the Humanities*, in the Lecture Theatre, Sir Roland Wilson Building, McCoy Circuit, ANU, at 6pm, on 14 August.

Professor Helen Small intends that her recent book, *The Value of the Humanities* (Oxford University Press), “may improve the way ‘we’ as society debate the public good of the humanities” and, in that debate, we can “keep optimism alive and cynicism in check”.

In her Emeritus Faculty lecture, Helen Small will provide a critical account of the principal arguments used to defend the value of the humanities. Unlike many works on this topic, *The Value of the Humanities* is neither a polemic nor a manifesto. Its purpose is to explore the grounds for each argument, and to test its validity in today’s society. Tough-minded, alert to changing historical conditions for argument and changing styles of rhetoric, it defines the terms of contemporary public debate.

Helen Small has a BA in English from Victoria University of Wellington and a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge. In 2008, Helen won The Truman Capote Award for Literary Criticism for her book *The Long Life*.

Conference details: <http://hrc.anu.edu.au/events/value-humanities-a-two-day-colloquium>

No bookings required for the Emeritus Faculty lecture. All welcome.
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The two-day colloquium will discuss the current state of global humanities through the question of value. Rather than simply defending the humanities against the perceived onslaught of a bureaucratic instrumentalism or praising the humanities for upholding intellectual and aesthetic autonomy, the colloquium will seek to examine the ways in which the Humanities makes and communicates knowledge, and, in the process, expresses its value to the world at large. When humanities scholars engage in public debate or seek to influence policy development, they do not necessarily capitulate to an economic or political instrumentalism. Nor are idealistic perspectives on the humanities invariably tinged with a romantic or modernist disdain for the utilitarian. Optimisation of pleasure and the cultivation of a good life are after all long standing utilitarian tenets.

The colloquium will feature panels on:

- Knowledge Worlds and Use Value
- Pleasure and Practice
- Humanities, Civil Society and Democracy
- Humanities Futures
- Communicating the Humanities
- Evaluating the Humanities

Program

Registration: Full Registration \$50.00; Students \$25.00

Were we at war in 1914? Nobody knew

Encrypted cables, voter schmoozing and an absent prime minister all combined to leave Australia unsure as to whether the nation was at war in 1914, according to the Australian National Archives.

In July of that year, Australia's politicians had other things on their mind, with a federal election only weeks away.

'When cables from Britain warned of imminent hostilities in late July, the Prime Minister, Opposition leader and many Cabinet Ministers were campaigning in isolated areas, far removed from the heart of national decision-making,' said Anne-Marie Conde, a curator with the National Archives of Australia, which holds the original cables and other documents from the time.

'All cables were encrypted and had to be deciphered before their message was clear. But the first cable that arrived on 30 July – advising that naval and military preparations should go ahead as agreed with Britain – was misinterpreted as a routine message.'

At this crucial point, not recognising the urgency of the situation, the Defence Minister Edward Millen did nothing. Even when he realised the importance of the cable, he delayed making a decision until Prime Minister Joseph Cook could be contacted. However, the Prime Minister, in the depths of rural Victoria, did not have the correct cable cypher with him and did not understand the message. It was only on August 2, when he returned to Melbourne,

that he learned a decision had been made in his absence to put Australian military forces on a war footing.

Cabinet met on August 3, 1914 to discuss the situation, later cabling Britain that Australia would bear the cost of sending an expeditionary force of 20,000 men.

“As part of the British Empire, Australia had no option to remain neutral,” says Anne-Marie Conde. “If Britain declared itself at war, Australia was automatically at war as well.”

All cables from Britain were sent to the Governor-General, Sir Ronald Munro-Ferguson. His official secretary instructed that all official and cyphered cablegrams from London were to be delivered personally, at whatever hour of the day or night.

Finally, at lunchtime on August 5, he received the news that “war has broken out with Germany”. He immediately sent copies to the Prime Minister, the Minister for Defence and all state governors. By 12.30 Prime Minister Joseph Cook announced the news to the Australian press.

Australia’s first shot fired in Port Phillip Bay

One hundred years on from what was believed to be the ‘first shot’ fired by British Empire forces during the First World War, the community gathered at Fort Nepean to remember this momentous event in Australian history.

Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Centenary of ANZAC, Senator Michael Ronaldson, joined the Governor of Victoria, local Federal Member for Flinders, Greg Hunt and the Portsea and Mornington Peninsula community to pay tribute to the men who fired the shot, and remember the heady circumstances which lead to the event on August 5, 1914.

Senator Ronaldson relates, “Lieutenant C Morris, received orders to stop the German steamer, *SS Pfalz*, from leaving Port Phillip Bay. A 100 pound, six inch round from gun emplacement six was fired in accordance with his orders to ‘stop her’.

“The shot came after the *Pfalz* ignored the demand that she ‘heave to’ instead of continuing her plan to sail out of Port Phillip Heads. The shot reinforced the demand from Australian authorities and, as a second round was loaded and after a scuffle on the bridge between the pilot and the ship’s captain, the *Pfalz* was surrendered and she returned to Portsea.”

Descendants of Fort Nepean’s gunners, along with other military dignitaries and members of the public, laid wreaths and took part in a special commemorative service today at Point Nepean National Parks.

For information on the Anzac Centenary Program visit the Anzac Centenary Website www.anzaccentenary.gov.au

Who do you think – or know – who you are?

Australians keen to discover their origins can learn how to delve into their background during August, with the launch of National Family History Month at the National Archives.

One of the major sponsors of the month-long celebration, the National Archives is a favourite research destination for those seeking to learn more about their family history.

National Archives Director-General David Fricker said at the launch, 'With our vast collection of original immigration and naturalisation files, service records, Indigenous history, passenger lists, ASIO dossiers and many other resources, we possibly hold information on almost every family in Australia.'

'In recent years we've concentrated on digitising many of our records so those seeking information can enjoy research at all hours in the comfort of their own homes. To provide a more rounded view of our nation's history, we also invite people to add their own memories or tributes to some of our websites, such as *Destination: Australia – Sharing our post-war migrant stories* and our upcoming *Discovering Anzacs*.

'We're delighted to again be collaborating with the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations whose members well understand the heritage value of our collection. We're also very proud to host the launch of National Family History Month which has been held at various National Archives offices around Australia for the past nine years.'

Shauna Hicks, organiser of National Family History Month, said family historians were always excited to learn how much information was available, especially online. 'When people initially discover the wealth of family history records available to them in the Archives collection and elsewhere, they are inspired to expand their own research and enhance our nation's history,' she said.

Further information on events, online webinars and other ways to celebrate your family history is available at www.familyhistorymonth.org.au

New visa arrangement with Poland

Young people from Australia and Poland now have the opportunity to experience a slice of each other's culture, with a reciprocal work and holiday visa arrangement between the two countries which began on August 1. This includes study arrangements in each other's country.

Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Senator Michaelia Cash, said, "This arrangement will enable up to 200 young adults from Poland and 200 young adults from Australia to enjoy a holiday in each other's country, during which they may engage in short-term work and study".

The work and holiday visa differs from a working holiday visa as it requires applicants to have the support of their government, hold or be studying towards tertiary qualifications and to speak functional English. Poland is the latest country to have a reciprocal work and holiday visa arrangement with Australia, joining Argentina, Bangladesh, Chile, Greece, Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, Turkey, the United States and Uruguay.

Further information on the work and holiday visa programme can be found at [Work and Holiday \(subclass 462\)](#).

Packer family funds the arts

The Packer Family and Crown Resorts Foundation has announced a new \$200 million National Philanthropic Fund for arts philanthropy. One of the largest annual corporate donations in Australian history, the fund includes an \$100 million over ten years to support arts programs.

The Minister for the Arts, who is also the Attorney-General, Senator Brandis, said, “One of my key priorities as Australia’s Arts Minister is to grow funding and other support from the private sector to better foster Australian artistic excellence in all its forms....

“Private sector support performs a vital role in leveraging and enhancing government funding for the arts. For many arts organisations, it is the support they receive through philanthropy, sponsorship and in-kind contributions that makes artistic projects and endeavours possible. Philanthropic generosity is vital to making the production of works more affordable, and accessible to the widest audience.

“A sustainable arts sector cannot survive on government funding alone. That is why the Government announced \$5.4 million in the 2014-15 Budget for Creative Partnerships Australia to help generate more private sector support for the arts to better enable Australian artists to thrive.”

Education is a leading export

In a recent wide-ranging speech, the Minister for Trade and Investment, Andrew Robb AO, devoted some attention to education “export” sector.

He said, in part, “In my view the future prospects for Australian services are spectacular. Yet services in many ways are the quiet achiever of our economy. When we talk exports, many outside the sector automatically think of commodities like iron ore, coal, gold; or agriculture exports. But as we all here know services are the engine room of economic activity.

“Eighty per cent of our economy is services based and services employ four out of five Australians. Three of Australia’s top five ‘globally significant industries’ are education, tourism and financial services.”

Speaking of his recent visit to Hong Kong, Mr Robb said discussions ranged over banking and financial services, architecture and design, engineering, legal services, environmental services, logistics, project management, IT, event management, tourism and hospitality through to healthcare, including aged care, education and vocational training; the list goes on.

“In several of these, for example, education, tourism, banking and project management, we are already making a mark.”

He recalled that on a previous visit to China, he had helped open a new Joint Graduate School in Suzhou, the result of a joint venture between Monash University and Southeast University.

Specifically in education, he said, “Japan has guaranteed Australian education providers access to its higher education services market, including vocational and technical education. And Japanese students who wish to study with a wide range of Australian providers, including TAFEs, will be able to access low-interest loans offered by Japan student services.

The Roundtable was recently awarded an Asian Business Engagement Plan grant from Austrade to provide Australian professional services SMEs access to export ready coaching, and mentoring, to help them achieve success in Korea.

Indonesia, another important trading partner in the region, was also identified as a market that the Roundtable will help services to access, it is expected that within 10 years Indonesia's GDP will be greater than Germany's.

On China, Mr Robb said, "Looking forward, China is our largest services export market. China has performed a humanitarian miracle by moving 500 million people out of poverty over the last 15 to 20 years. However, China also understands that the task of moving hundreds-of-millions more out of poverty will require a huge move into services, where the large numbers of jobs reside.

"If we can gain a strong foothold now, we will be well placed to make the most of developments within China as they occur, and our services skills can assist China greatly with this transition.

Links to Japan

Commenting on the recent visit to Australia by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Universities Australia says it signals a closer economic relationship which will further enhance an already strong trade and investment relationship including in higher education and research.

Universities Australia Chief Executive Belinda Robinson underscored the importance of the Government's push to deepen and strengthen higher education and research engagement with Japan as part of a broader thrust to enhance our economic and trade relationship. The recently announced Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement includes provisions for further strengthening cooperation in higher education.

Ms Robinson was part of the delegation of business leaders who accompanied Prime Minister Tony Abbott on his recent visit to Japan that resulted in the announcement of the new trade agreement.

She says Universities Australia continues to play a leading role in supporting Australia's commitment to Japanese engagement and "an Australia-Japan higher education strategy has been developed and is being actively pursued by a UA Japan working group led by Professor Kent Anderson, Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) at the University of Adelaide in collaboration with Austrade and Australian Education International in Japan".

In addition, plans are underway for a series of Japan-Australia business-higher education roundtables, with the first one planned to be held in Japan at the end of this year. "Universities Australia is exploring a range of new opportunities including models for joint degree programs, further staff exchanges as well as academic and research collaboration", she said.

In 2014 Australian universities reported having 473 formal agreements with Japanese institutions, a 15 per cent (44 agreements) increase from 2012.

Scholarship winner from India

Trade and Investment Minister Andrew Robb has welcomed Indian student Uttam Kumar back to Australia to commence his career-changing postgraduate studies at the University of New South Wales.

Uttam was the winner last year of Austrade's global 'Win your future unlimited' competition and began a one year Master of Science & Technology (Engineering Materials) course at UNSW in July.

Higher education bursaries

Students from around Australia will be given a helping hand as they prepare for study this year with funding through the Long Tan Bursary Scheme, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs Senator Michael Ronaldson has announced.

"The Long Tan Bursary Scheme provides up to \$9,000 over three years to each successful applicant – the sons and daughters of Vietnam Veterans – to help them pursue their chosen study or professional career," Senator Ronaldson said.

Applications for each academic year open on Vietnam Veterans' Day, 18 August, and close 31 October. There have been more than 450 recipients since the scheme commenced in 2000.

For more information on the Long Tan Bursary Scheme, visit the [DVA](#) website.

\$35m for diabetes research

The Commonwealth Government has approved \$35 million to advance research in the critical area of diabetes. Funding for the Special Research Initiative for Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes is administered by the Australian Research Council (ARC) and the initiative is led by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). The approval of funding allows the first payments to be made and for work to commence...

Announcing the approval in July, Minister for Education, Christopher Pyne, said "This funding will allow the development of a national collaborative research network and research program that will work towards finding a cure for Type 1 juvenile diabetes."

Type 1 diabetes is a life-long auto-immune disease that usually occurs in childhood but can be diagnosed at any age. It is one of the most common chronic diseases in children and most newly diagnosed cases are in people less than 15 years old.

Minister for Health Peter Dutton said at the joint announcement that it was vital that Australia was at the forefront of research in this area. "Type 1 diabetes affects 122 000 Australians, with around 20 000 of those children. More than 800 000 Australians suffer from both forms of diabetes; excluding the costs of complications, diabetes costs the Australian health system around \$1.6 billion annually," he said.

The initiative will provide funding to establish a new collaborative network that supports and promotes the most promising emerging researchers and research projects in type 1 juvenile diabetes. It will also facilitate national and international collaboration on research projects.

Research begins early

The National History Challenge is a contest that encourages students in primary and secondary schools to use research and inquiry based learning to discover more about the past. The organisers say it is an opportunity for students to experience the role of historians and what it involves.

In 2014 the theme is *Changing Perspectives*, and may offer members of ANUEF to link with local primary and secondary schools to offer help. For more information, visit the [Challenge website](#) to register.

Anti-terrorism laws widened

The Attorney-General, Senator Brandis, has introduced the National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (NO 1) 2014 to strengthen Australia's laws relating to terrorism and Australians involved in unauthorised military activity while overseas.

Senator Brandis told Parliament:

National Security is the highest responsibility of Government. This Government is determined to take whatever measures are reasonably necessary to ensure the community is protected from radicalised and militarised extremists returning from the Middle East. As part of the Government's response to this threat, today I am introducing the National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No 1) 2014 into the Senate.

The Bill contains a package of targeted reforms to strengthen the legislative framework governing the activities of the Australian Intelligence Community. It implements the Government's response to the recommendations in Chapter 4 of the bipartisan report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS) on potential reforms of Australia's national security legislation.

As the Committee rightly observed, it is imperative that the statutory framework governing the operations of Australia's intelligence agencies keeps pace with the contemporary and evolving security environment. This security environment includes:

- The involvement of terrorist organisations in civil conflicts or insurgencies, such as in Syria and Iraq, and the engagement of Australians with these organisations. The threat posed by returning foreign fighters is the most significant risk to Australia's domestic security that we have faced in many years. The threat of 'home grown' terrorism is enduring and the risk of an attack on Australian soil is real and undiminished;
- rapid developments in information and communications technology, particularly online, which have led to increased use of technology by persons of security concern to organise and evade detection; and
- the sustained threat of espionage targeting Australian interests, including the actions of 'trusted insiders' who have gained legitimate access to intelligence-related information and disclose, or place, it at risk without authorisation.

Through these measures, the Government is striking the right balance between ensuring that our intelligence agencies are able to deal with emerging security threats, and protecting the rights and privacy of Australians.

The Government is committed to maintaining and, where necessary, strengthening our strong legal and oversight framework. Given these measures, and potential further changes stemming from the Government's comprehensive review of Australia's national security legislation, the Government has decided to retain the position of the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor. The Government is also considering providing additional resources to the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security.

To give effect to Chapter 4 of the PJCIS Report, the Bill will, among other things:

- **Modernise and streamline ASIO's warrant based intelligence collection powers:**

- **Computer access warrants** – enabling ASIO to use a third party's computer to access data in a target computer; and amending the definition of 'computer' to include multiple computers, systems and networks.
 - **Surveillance devices** – aligning ASIO's powers with those in the *Surveillance Devices Act 2004*, to ensure a consistent framework which takes account of developments in surveillance technology.
 - **The issuing process when multiple types of warrants are sought** – establishing a new scheme enabling the Attorney-General to approve warrants authorising the exercise of multiple powers in relation to a specified person.
- **Improving information-sharing between our intelligence agencies:** Enhancing the ability of ASIS to collect and share with ASIO intelligence about Australians of security interest overseas.
 - **Strengthening ASIO's ability to conduct covert intelligence operations:** Establishing a limited protection from legal liability for authorised participants in such operations, subject to rigorous safeguards and appropriate oversight.

In addition, the Bill will improve statutory protections against the unauthorised disclosure of intelligence information by increasing the maximum penalties applying to existing secrecy offences (from two years' imprisonment to 10 years), and enacting new offences in relation to other actions that place intelligence information at risk of compromise (such as the unauthorised removal, retention or copying of a record).

Consistent with the PJCIS recommendation for a public consultation process, I have referred the Bill to the PJCIS for inquiry and report by 8 September 2014. The Committee is eminently suited to this task, given its background to the measures in the Bill, and its standing as a trusted and respected source of advice to the Parliament. **[See Have your say below]**

This legislation is the first tranche of this Government's reforms to update and strengthen the powers of our intelligence and law enforcement agencies. The Government will be bringing forward further legislative measures to give our agencies the tools to protect our community from the foreign fighter and other threats.

The Bill and Explanatory Memorandum are available at http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bld=s969.

Have your say

Inquiry into the National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security has commenced an inquiry into the National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014.

The Bill implements many of the bipartisan recommendations made by the committee in Chapter 4 of its 2013 *Report of the Inquiry into Potential Reforms of Australia's National Security Legislation*. Chapter 4 included 22 recommendations on reforms to legislation governing the Australian Intelligence Community, including the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979* and *Intelligence Services Act 2001*.

The Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill states it will enhance the capability of intelligence agencies by:

- Modernising ASIO's statutory employment framework,
- Modernising and streamlining ASIO's warrant-based intelligence collection powers,
- Strengthening ASIO's capability to conduct covert intelligence operations, with appropriate safeguards and oversight,
- Clarifying and improving the statutory framework for ASIO's co-operative and information-sharing activities,
- Enhancing the capabilities of IS Act agencies,
- Improving protection of intelligence-related information, and
- Renaming of Defence agencies to better reflect their roles.

The purpose of the inquiry will be to scrutinise whether the Bill appropriately implements the recommendations agreed by the committee last year and to assess the balance of national security and safeguards proposed in the Bill. Committee Chair, Dan Tehan MP, welcomed the referral stating, "It is vital that security laws keep pace with rapid developments in technology."

"The committee recommended in its 2013 report that draft legislation be subject to parliamentary committee scrutiny. The committee therefore welcomes the opportunity to assess the Government's response," Mr Tehan said.

Although public submissions to the inquiry were required by July 30, the committee will be holding public hearings in August. The committee intends to report by 8 September 2014 in order that the House may consider the Bill in the Spring sittings.

Further information about the inquiry, including the committee's 2013 report, can be accessed via the committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/pjcis>. The Bill and Explanatory Memorandum can be accessed via http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation.

For more information, contact the Committee Secretariat on 02 6277 2360 or email pjcis@aph.gov.au.

Disrupting access to illegal online services

A new parliamentary inquiry is examining a mechanism in place under the *Telecommunications Act 1997* which can be utilised by agencies to disrupt access to illegal online services.

The House Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications will investigate the use of subsection 313(3) of the Act, following a referral from Communications Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

Subsection 313(3) of the Act provides Commonwealth, state and territory agencies with the ability to obtain assistance from the telecommunications industry when upholding Australian law.

While the section has a range of applications, the committee's inquiry will focus solely on the use of the subsection for the purpose of disrupting illegal online services. This includes:

- which government agencies may make requests under the subsection;
- what level of authority should agencies have to make such requests;

- the characteristics of illegal or potentially illegal services that should be subject to such requests; and
- what are the most appropriate transparency and accountability measures that should accompany such requests, including how these should be implemented.

The committee invites interested persons and organisations to make submissions to the inquiry addressing the above terms of reference. **Submissions close on Friday 22 August 2014.**

Further information on the inquiry, including the full terms of reference and how to prepare a submission can be obtained from the Committee's website at www.apf.gov.au/section313 or from the Secretariat on (02) 6277 2352.

Privacy protections needed as drone use surges

New privacy laws might be needed to protect against a wave of 'eyes in the sky,' according to a federal parliamentary committee.

Australia's drone industry is booming thanks to rapidly improving technology that has made drones cheaper, more capable and easier to operate. Even as drones are poised to revolutionise the farming, mining, science, media and other industries, they also pose a real threat to privacy. Drone safety has also become a prominent concern, with numerous injuries and near-misses reported across Australia.

The House Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs says that Australia's existing privacy laws do not protect Australians' privacy from drones.

The committee's new report [*Eyes in the sky: Inquiry into drones and the regulation of air safety and privacy*](#) calls on the Australian government to modernise and simplify Australia's privacy laws to protect against potentially invasive new technologies like drones. Current plans to update airspace regulation will improve safety, but the committee calls for frequent review of regulations to keep pace with the rapid development of drone technology.

The committee's report, tabled in Parliament, draws on evidence from industry groups, privacy experts and government agencies heard at two roundtable discussions and a number of public hearings earlier this year. The report makes six recommendations, calling for:

- the Australian government to consider legislating for a tort of privacy, as proposed in the discussion paper of the Australian Law Reform Commission's *Inquiry into Serious Invasions of Privacy in the Digital Era*
- modernised and nationally-uniform laws regulating the use of surveillance devices, including drones
- a review of the laws regulating police use of surveillance drones
- an education campaign to inform drone users about privacy and air safety laws
- improved consultation regarding the effectiveness of air safety laws, and
- future reviews of privacy and air safety laws to keep up with developments in technology.

Committee Chair Mr George Christensen MP said that the inquiry had revealed gaps in Australia's privacy laws leaving Australians at risk.

"Drones are coming – the technology is here and it is only a matter of time before they become widespread," Mr Christensen said. "Drones will revolutionise some industries, with a wide range of beneficial uses. All the same, we must set out clear rules that govern how the police, governments, businesses and members of the public use drones."

The Committee's report is available at [this link](#).

For inquiry information –contact the Secretariat: (02) 6277 2358 | spla.reps@aph.gov.au | www.aph.gov.au/spla

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19 August – Geraldine Doogue, Alannah MacTiernan and Julie Bishop, *The Climb: Conversations with Australian Women in Power*.

3 September – Paul Kelly, *Triumph and Demise: The Labour Government 2007 – 2013*, Manning Clark 1

9 September – Gareth Evans, *Inside the Hawke-Keating Government*, Manning Clark 1

14 October – Graeme Simsion, *The Rosie Effect – The Sequel to the Rosie Project*, which was the 2013 Australian Book of the Year. Manning Clark 2

22 October – Hugh McKay, *The Art of Belonging*, Manning Clark 1

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