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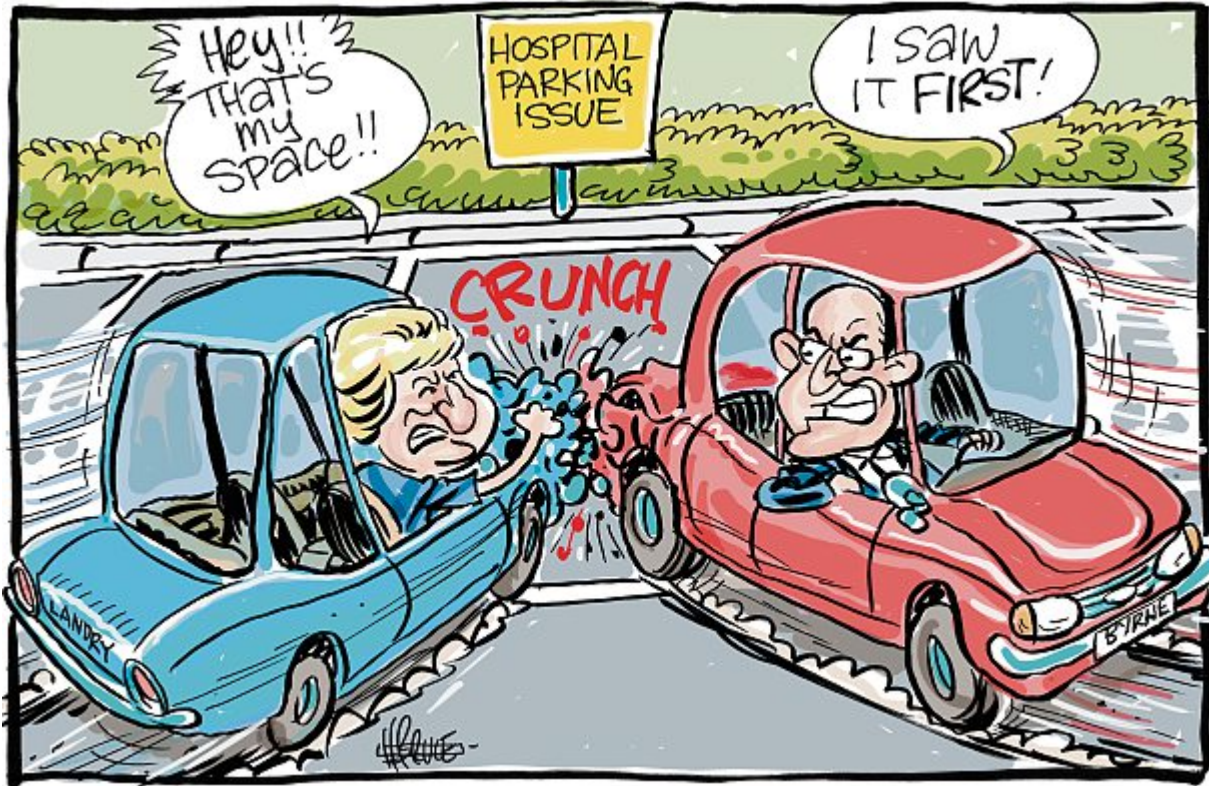


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HARRY'S VIEW



toward the 2016 election. I have asked my local LNP MP Ewen Jones for an explanation of why nearly 50% of corporate Australia pay less than 5% in income tax to our federal government and indeed some have not paid any tax since the LNP were elected to government in 2013.

No explanation was forthcoming. I and many others are very concerned about this issue because it is robbing our federal treasury of tens of billions of dollars.

If the community is concerned about so called dole bludgers who cost our treasury millions of dollars surely they must be concerned when tens of billions don't even get to our treasury?

The LNP want to give corporate Australia a tax cut. I agree with the Labor Party that this should only apply to small business and not to the multibillion dollar corporations who can well afford to pay their 30%.

Unfortunately, all that happens is these huge profits go to overseas shareholders and the executives of these corporations, instead of where they responsibly should go and that is to our treasury to pay their fair share of taxation.

To make things worse it is said that some of these corporates donate to the LNP.

The LNP have had seven months to crack down on these corporations on our behalf and have failed to do so.

Shaun Newman
Townsville

Will pensioners see any weekly increase?

So Fair Work believes that by raising the weekly minimum wage by \$15.80 (to \$672.70) it would "help improve living standards of Australia's poorest workers".

What about Australia's poorest people, the pensioners? Can we look forward to the same weekly increase come September?

After all, we are only on half the minimum wage per week.

G Townsend
Rockhampton

TEXTS TO THE EDITOR

SMS the Editor on 0428 634 025 with the word ROCK and a space in front of your message.

TIM, RIDGELANDS. Re PW 30/5 If all candidates at elections wore the logos of their sponsors on their clothes, like sports teams, we'd all know who is really calling the tune from behind the scenes wouldn't we. Good luck with that.

DOUG MILNER. Putting political correctness aside firmly agree that all Australian citizens who abide by OUR Laws and Customs be recognised equally irrespective of race colour or creed.

GH, ROCKY. why do all the takeaway's in rocky and the cap coast only sell Spanish mackerel its always dry a real cheap n nasty fish then they complain no one supports local businesses

DC. So the LNP Govt has only promised money for the hospital car park if they get voted back in. They haven't paid the billion dollars they owe our Qld Govt from the disaster fund after the cyclone. They have been using every excuse under the sun not to pay it.

ARTY, ROCKY. Hope the Dobinsons bought Aussie made solar panels and are using local contractors to install them, and hopefully using Aussie steel in their manufacturing seeing as tho they are proud local Spring manufacturers to the world

AM, THE RANGE. Before passing judgement, could Ms Landry advise whether this hospital car park funding is set in concrete or is it just another LNP pre-election non "core" promise.

DAVID, KAWANA. Good soil, good climate + guaranteed water = increased primary production. Meaning greater value & profits, not cost. Go have a lie down.

DM, WANDAL. Thanks so much 4 2 "mental health" opinions in yesterday's & today's paper. Well done Michelle & Kristen!

ROCK. Mr Byrnes is off the mark when it comes to pistols and agriculture. He seems to be focusing on the concealable component of the firearm versus the practical side of length and size. Yes a long

arm firearm is better for accuracy and genuine kill, but there is a genuine and practical place for short arms. Being from a military background, Bill should be asking himself, given the bases for his argument, couldn't the same argument apply for the military? But we all know that the military don't issue 9mm's for purpose of concealment.

RAMP. Oh come ob Laurie Daley. Don't bring yourself down to the level of previous NSW Origin coaches. I know it is hard when you have players who have no passion for the game or their state and are just there for the money but whingeing about the refs is not going to fix that. A nice bloke on a shot to nothing. I really do feel for ya.



Ramp says NSW Coach Laurie Daley should not blame the refs for his side's defeat.

REI, EMU PARK. Repl 2 John Patridge Depot Hill.No one Australia owns the land they live on we are not a Interdependent Country the Rules come from England just remember that when u vote.

ANON. in response to the milk question if you don't support our local farmers more of our dairies will be sold to overseas countries as has happened in Tasmania with the largest dairy sale to the Chinese. They are not obligated to sell to Australian interests and milk prices may skyrocket, this will also impact on anything includes a milk product, such as baby formula, breads, biscuits, custards etc., don't complain when the shelves are bare, supermarkets don't produce milk cows do.

HM, ROCKHAMPTON. Labor said no cuts to education. But they've back flipped and are axing the school kids bonus to.

Haidee Jenkins on Monday



The upcoming table tennis championships will bring people to town. Likewise CQU's Water Industry Operations conference, the recent Capras verse PNG match and major junior sporting

events which I understand were hosted by Emmaus.

Business, Government, not-for profit or individual, the future of our region lies fairly and squarely with us.

FACEBOOK QUOTE

Nine people escape with only their lives and their pets as a horrific blaze destroys two homes Friday morning.

“ Tess Carr I really feel for the families involved. I had a house fire last year and even now I find it very upsetting when remembering things I once had, but I am just thankful that we all survived.

PHOTO OF THE DAY



Firefighters and police welcome people into Fort McMurray, Canada on Wednesday June 1. Some residents were permitted to re-enter their homes after being evacuated due to wildfires. Residents started to return to the fire-damaged city in northern Alberta on Wednesday. PHOTO: JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP