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➤ HARRY'S VIEW



condemnation by the “zero tolerance” and the “not in our town” crowd at the domestically violent narrative of Lisa Oldfield.

Her broadcast public comments to “kick” her husband and the father of her children David Oldfield “to the kerb” as well as her seemingly self satisfying comment that she “knocked him out in one punch” is surely not acceptable by any standard. How is it that such a public example of “violence” is met with silence from the DV practitioners, politicians, the media and those exercising “zero tolerance”?

Could it be gender bias? Or is it simply OK to turn a blind eye to DV in some circumstances?

— Cameron Smyth,
Rockhampton

Australian culture vs our benefits

ISN'T it weird how our flag and our culture offend so many people but our benefits don't?

— G. Townsend,
Emu Park

Big banks, business 'out of touch'

WITH Clive finally forced to face his critics, welfare drug cheats on notice and banks crying poor, congratulations to those who really believe taxpayers should not be funding the rich and infamous and those who exploit and abuse welfare.

Clive has been evasive to the extreme. Looking poorly, is this rather insincere acting to save his skin and prevent judgement?

Many previous employees of his nickel mine and Palmer Resort would like some justice.

Big banks and private corporations who remunerate their executives with ludicrous salaries out of touch with the populous, need to lead by example. The Great Divide is creating a class system based on income.

Many pay little or no tax. How is that legal?

Drug-testing welfare recipients of any calibre, funded by the Australian taxpayer, is common sense in today's social climate.

How many children are in foster care because of family drug and alcohol abuse, again a system funded by the taxpayer?

We can never be in surplus again because of social dysfunction and political molly-coddling; political correctness gone to the extreme.

Despite the Greens and vocal “do-gooders” defending the indefensible, it is now time to pull the reins in on big business and cheats.

Rather spend the wasted billions on the majority who do the right thing, building a secure future for an economically and socially stable Australia.

— Eloise Rowe,
Tannum Sands

FAMILY IN THE MONDAY EDITION OF TMB

Federal Budget

expect \$150k a year in pay!
The issues around the cost of housing are deep seated, financial and cultural.

To make housing more affordable is to attack these issues. All the superannuation home saving initiative will do is make it more expensive still. Perhaps the only noteworthy item is the government's seeming willingness to invest in infrastructure.

Many think this is not appropriate, but after more than 20 years looking at these things, I think there is a market failure in how private investors see the benefits of big infrastructure

projects. Basically it seems to me that the risks of upfront costs get a disproportionate loading against the expected revenues. As a consequence the long-term benefit is underestimated and people won't invest. One way to address this is for government to make the initial investment and then to sell the asset when it is operating and the risk is reduced. The sale of state owned assets has netted massive profits for governments, both state and Federal, most based on decisions made a lifetime ago.



Australian Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison delivers his post-budget National Press Club address at Parliament House Great Hall in Canberra.

PHOTO: AAP/DEAN LEWINS

➤ FACEBOOK

Landry, Lauga and Health Minister clash as Fed's \$7m hospital car park commitment omitted from Budget.

“Some-one has to get this car park built I have my mother in Base at the moment and can not get a bloody car park. You park in street you get booked, what is the hold up?”

— Jill Bowles

➤ TEXTS TO THE EDITOR

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

■ **TB, BERSERKER:** Your editorial was spot on Fraser Pearce. These politicians sound like children. Get outside of your bubbles and have a listen to yourselves.

■ **FM, ROCKY:** With all the bashing of our federal representative one has to query what our representatives have done also our state reps we need new rail and traffic bridge so maybe state rep will start lobbying state about it

■ **HAPPY CUSTOMER:** Thank you to the person who handed in my credit card that I had dropped at City Centre Plaza.

■ **GJ, ROCKY:** You trust a phone app Rosa over the manufacturer of your car? That's the problem with people and their b.....y phones these days. Phones aren't the answer to everything.

■ **CK, WARU:** Gardens in Yeppoon? What is it. The signage says a permatculture garden but I could find no gardens or fruit or vegetables. Looks to have had a tidy up but still a mess IMO. Advert on the fence for a festival perhaps that is what it is used for now.

■ **GC, PINK LILY:** Michelle Landry where do u see any spending in Rockhampton whether lone any spending for small businesses like my self that are struggling and have been for the past 2 or more years with no assistance from ur gov. I give credit where it's due thank god u haven't made a decision on levee yet as I live at pink lily n don't need the excess water.

■ **INAPG:** Sat outside my local supermarket yeaterday and did a quick estimate on the number of plastic bags people were carrying out the door. Ten minutes estimated about eighty and that was conservative.

Most appeared to be mums on the way home after picking the kids up from school.

About time to bag the plastic bag.

■ **ILBT:** Supposed to be The Beef Capital and a chef states that he finds it hard to get his hands on local product ?

Whats going on ?

■ **MICK:** Disappointed in the decision to open the new Adani coal mine. Still burning coal in the 21st century when we have such technology and space available Not proud to be aussie

■ **MOOSE, DEPOT HILL:** Although Mayor Margaret and I have had our disagreements I could feel her seething and emotion with the federal government non allocation of money for our levee bank. Landry's statements about studies is a no brainer. Prepare for the next election Landry because informal votes might beat you and Margaret will still be our Mayor come next council elections if she wants to run again.

■ **JIMBO, KOONGAL:** This has been said before why bring waiting for an accident to happen with the cattle trucks through rocky to the meatworks when we have a rail line on lakes ck road.

■ **DJB, FRENCHVILLE:** No surprise, very disappointed, Michelle Landry..once again NOT fighting for Electorate ..negativity towards levee has been so pronounced...Michelle, you were lucky last election..next time isn't looking too good for you.

■ **CT, ROCKY:** If Adani mine gets up, I don't see the logic of creating employment for a few and destroying water reserves that many depend on, we have enough coal mines in QLD, our river systems and underground water supplies are already under stress from contamination.

This mine is in the wrong location and our children will have to live with the outcome.

■ **RF, GLENLEE:** Top 2% get a tax cut...The rest of us an increase. With a little bit of luck only the top 2% will vote for LNP next election.

■ **B, ROCKY:** Alan Bambrick your letter 12th May well written now can you write one and swap the gender as this is a two way problem I speak from first hand knowledge

➤ PHOTO OF THE DAY



Sosaia Feki of the Sharks scores the winning try during the Round 10 NRL match between the St George-Illawarra Dragons and the Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks at UOW Jubilee Oval in Sydney on Friday.

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