

## VOICE FROM THE PAVEMENT LOOKS AT THE RECYCLED RUDD BRIGADE



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Well, here we are once again, back in the trenches and waiting another attack by the new spit and polish Rudd Brigade. You have to give to the “General Rudd” marshalling his forces in such a manner as to make the best of his now tired and tattered troops or one last fight against the coalition. The “General” Rudd being a past master of rhetoric and knowing how to play poker certainly gives him an edge in some quarters, except when the going gets tough, the “General” Rudd conducts a strategic withdrawal by appealing to the Australian people sense of fair play. Look at me, I am the underdog, I need your help, I can only rise from the ashes like Lazarus if you help me.

In the mean time more illegal boats throng to our shore, the carbon tax has not gone away, our car industries are kaput as Sgt Schultz would say in Hogan's heroes, cost of living has spiralled, and where are all the jobs going from the manufacturing industry, all gone. Why are Labor's policies pushing many industries off shore and why the youth are failing to take an interest in the politics of the day? The reason is simple; labor has failed miserably in their policies and has failed the Australian people. Mismanagement of Australian assets, mismanagement of the economy, no tax relief or concessions, to the pensioners and certainly have neglected those who wore the uniform of Australia, members of the Defence Force past and present.

This new spit and polish front bench is supposed to revive Labor's hopes at the next election. Not on your “willy nilly” if you view the front bench from the pavement. The ordinary citizen has enough Labor rhetoric whether it was from Kevin Rudd the first, Julia Gillard the Queen and/or Kevin Rudd the second. It's all the same view from the pavement and this voice can honestly tell you that it's just a game where Labor egos have one out of control. Having said this you have to admire that young bloke from the Liberal Scullin campaign, Jag Chugha doing the rounds in the heart of Labor stronghold. It is not easy to wage a campaign in the darkness, but this young bloke Jag Chugha has it takes and is not afraid to shine the Liberal beacon so to speak and illuminate the darkness that has enveloped Scullin for the past 30 years.

Jag Chugha the Liberal candidate for Scullin has said it before and is saying it again, that this campaign is about change, a change for the better. It never about me as I am merely a representative who is trying to bring about and facilitate a change. The coalition has real plans, and policies that will bring back the prosperity and credibility that this country we call Australia home deserves. At the next election let us consider carefully the pros and cons about who has to offer Australia best working practices, a worn out recycled old labor team or a highly skilled and experienced team of the coalition, it's not a difficult choice. Remember Jag Chugha



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# KEVIN RUDD'S NEW LOOK MINISTRY

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Who's on the move and who's staying put on Kevin Rudd's new front bench?

## The ministry



**Kevin Rudd**  
Prime Minister

Member for Brisbane seat of Griffith since 1998

Forced to overhaul his ministry following the Labor leadership spill, promoting his supporters and shifting those that backed Julia Gillard



**Anthony Albanese**  
Deputy Prime Minister

Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport



**Chris Bowen**  
Treasurer

A high-profile casualty of the Labor leadership stoush in March, resigning his frontbench position as immigration minister after backing Mr Rudd



**Penny Wong**  
Minister for Finance and Deregulation  
Leader of the Government in the Senate  
Senator for South Australia



**Jacinta Collins**  
Minister for Mental Health and Ageing  
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate  
Manager of Government Business in the Senate since 2012

## The ministry



### **Kim Carr**

Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

Minister for Higher Education

Was dumped from Gillard cabinet in March



### **Tony Burke**

Minister for Immigration, Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship

Minister for the Arts

Offered to resign from Cabinet but was persuaded by Mr Rudd to stay



### **Joel Fitzgibbon**

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Former chief government whip

Supported Kevin Rudd in his return to the prime ministership



### **Mark Butler**

Minister for Climate Change

Minister for Environment, Heritage and Water

Member for Port Adelaide



### **Julie Collins**

Minister for Housing and Homelessness

Minister for Community Services

Minister for the Status of Women

Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development



### **Brendan O'Connor**

Minister for Employment

Minister for Skills and Training

Supporter of former prime minister Julia Gillard who loses immigration portfolio

## The ministry



### **Catherine King**

Minister for Regional Australia, Local Government and Territories

Has represented the seat of Ballarat, Victoria, since 2001



### **Melissa Parke**

Minister for International Development

Member for Fremantle since 2007



### **Bill Shorten**

Minister for Education

Minister for Workplace Relations

Federal member for Maribyrnong in Victoria



### **Richard Marles**

Minister for Trade

Strong Rudd backer and biggest winner in reshuffle

Member for the Victorian seat of Corio since 2007



### **Don Farrell**

Minister for Sport

Minister Assisting on Tourism

Senator for South Australia who entered Parliament in 2008



### **Gary Gray**

Minister for Resources and Energy

Minister for Tourism

Minister for Small Business



### **Mark Dreyfus**

Attorney-General

Special Minister of State

Minister for Emergency Management

Minister for the Public Service and Integrity

## The ministry



**Tanya Plibersek**  
Minister for Health and Medical research  
Member for Sydney



**Jenny Macklin**  
Minister for Families, Community Services and  
Indigenous Affairs  
Minister for Disability Reform



**Stephen Smith**  
Minister for Defence  
The Member for Perth will remain in Cabinet until he  
retires from politics at the next election



**Bob Carr**  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Will remain in the role he assumed after joining the  
Senate in 2012



**Jason Clare**  
Minister for Home Affairs  
Minister for Justice  
Member for Blaxland since 2007



**Kate Ellis**  
Minister for Early Childhood, Childcare and Youth  
Minister for Employment Participation



**Warren Snowdon**  
Minister for Indigenous Health  
Minister for Defence Science and Personnel  
Minister for Veterans' Affairs  
Minister assisting the Prime Minister on the Centenary

## The ministry

of ANZAC



### **David Bradbury**

Assistant Treasurer

Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs

Minister Assisting for Deregulation

Minister Assisting for Financial Services and Superannuation



### **Kate Lundy**

Minister for Multicultural Affairs

Minister Assisting for Innovation and Industry

Minister Assisting for the Digital Economy



### **Sharon Bird**

Minister for Regional Development

Minister for Regional Communications

Minister for Road Safety



### **Mike Kelly**

Minister for Defence Materiel



### **Jan McLucas**

Minister for Human Services

## Parliamentary secretaries

**David Feeney**

Parliamentary Secretary for Defence

**Sid Sidebottom**

Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

**Bernie Ripoll**

Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer

Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business

## Parliamentary secretaries

Yvette D'Ath

Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change, Innovation and Industry

Kelvin Thomson

Parliamentary Secretary for Schools

Amanda Rishworth

Parliamentary Secretary for Environment and Urban Water

Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers

Shayne Neumann

Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General

Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing

Michael Danby

Parliamentary Secretary for the Arts

Alan Griffin

Cabinet Secretary

Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister

Ed Husic

Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister

Parliamentary Secretary for Broadband

Matt Thistlethwaite

Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs

Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs

Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Transport

Doug Cameron

Parliamentary Secretary for Housing and Homelessness

## Who's gone



### Julia Gillard

Toppled as Labor leader after three years and two days as Prime Minister.

Won't contest her Victorian seat of Lalor at the next election.

Told the party not to lack the guts and resilience to win the election.

## Who's gone



### **Wayne Swan**

Julia Gillard's deputy since she became PM in 2010.

Over the past three years was one of the most vocal critics of Kevin Rudd.

Served as Treasurer under both Mr Rudd and Ms Gillard.



### **Stephen Conroy**

Resigned from communications portfolio

Quoted as saying Mr Rudd had "contempt for the cabinet" as PM.

Entered the Senate in 1996 and served as minister in Labor government since 2007.



### **Craig Emerson**

Resigned as trade minister and will not contest the 2013 election.

Had said he would not serve under Mr Rudd.

Member for Rankin in Queensland since 1998.



### **Joe Ludwig**

Union heavyweight and strong supporter of Ms Gillard throughout her prime-ministership.

Resigned as minister for agriculture

As a senator, he will remain in Parliament.



### **Greg Combet**

Former ACTU secretary and key Gillard supporter will not contest the next election.

Played a key role in one of the battleground areas for Ms Gillard as minister for climate change, industry and innovation.



### **Peter Garrett**

Resigned as education minister on the same day the Gonski reforms passed into law.

Won't contest his NSW seat of Kingsford-Smith at the next election.

## Who's gone



### **Simon Crean**

Retiring from politics

Has been in Federal Parliament since 1990 and led Labor for two years from 2001

He quit the front bench in March after his failed attempt to spark a leadership ballot



### **Andrew Leigh**

Served as parliamentary secretary to the prime minister under Julia Gillard

No place for him under Mr Rudd's new line-up

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