

# TONY ABBOTT BUILDING A NATION



**WE AS A NATION ARE ON A JOURNEY TO**

**BUILDING A STRONG ECONOMY**

**BUILDING A BETTER AUSTRALIA**

**REDUCING GOVERNMENT SPENDING**

**STANDING UP FOR AUSTRALIAN VALUES**

**GETTING THE BUDGET BACK TO SURPLUS**

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Tony Abbott's address to the National Press Club this afternoon in Canberra was met with optimism and it would appear that he was in no danger of being replaced or resigning, saying that he "had not contemplated on resigning" and was of the belief that "it was the people that hired and the people that fired". This was a direct opposite position taken by the former Prime Minister who stated that "leadership was a gift of the cabinet". Tony Abbott's performance was forthright, strong and to the point without any of the political jargon, clichés or hedgehopping known to be the realm of politicians.

**Tony Abbott said that "Australia is at an economic crossroads" and that "leadership is about making the right decisions for our countries future" It was not popular contest and it involved results determination and it's about the Australian people.**

Abbott's messages were clear and came out strong on his party's performance pointing out the removal of the carbon tax, more jobs in 2014 than 2013, turning back the boats, making a captains call regarding the downing of the MH17 Malaysian airlines, the support behind the scenes in releasing Peter Geste from an Egyptian prison, making the hard decisions necessary to create the foundations for a strong economy amongst the many other successful outcomes.

Abbott however conceded that at least two of his Captain calls could have been more consultative, one being the Paid Parental scheme and the other being the honours and awards. However despite this he went on to say that "I have listened, I have heard and I have consulted".

Tony Abbott in response to his low public opinion polls said that "I did not enter politics to be popular" but "I entered politics to make a difference" and that "no matter what we do, Labor will run a scare campaign".

Tony Abbott was critical of the previous Labor government's performance with its mismanagement of Australia's resources and its internal leadership problems. Such mismanagement cost the Australian tax payer and future generations the opportunity to grow and it was no wonder that the people of Australian voted for a coalition government to reign in the waste, the government spending, the borrowing of money and failing to look after the interests of Australia's long term economic future.

The Prime Minister said that "Australians are still reeling from the aftermath of the global financial crisis and remain anxious about financial sovereignty". Having said that, Tony Abbott was firm in his governments committee that although he welcomed foreign investment it had to be on Australia's terms and for Australians benefit. That "his government have put into place better scrutiny and better reporting practices that will monitor the purchases of agricultural and foreign ownership of existing homes in order that young Australians are not priced out of the market" that this was "something that the previous labor government failed to do".

Furthermore Tony Abbott stated that his government would follow the lead of the New Zealand government of reducing dent and not spending unnecessary government funds. If one was to be asked what were the messages they take one leaving the National Press Club, it would have to be:

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He was somewhat perplexed by the current Victorian Labor governments decision to spend 1.2 billion Victorian tax payers dollars just to stop building the East West Road link and it was too early to tell what the new Queensland Labor government was to do. He was critical of the previous Labor governments performance indicating that under the John Howard government there was a surplus of 50 Billion dollars in the bank and that under the Labor government not only did they spend all of the 50 Billion dollars but went onto borrowing more and creating a debt for future generations of Australians.

He supported and paid tribute to stay at homes and welcomed mums that decide to work to supplement the family income. He will consult widely in order to find ways to improve the lives of Australians and put more money into their pockets. In addition Tony Abbott recognised that many small business owners had mortgaged their homes to start a small business and in doing so employed others and thus creating further jobs growth and making the economy stronger.

One could safely say that his position as leader remains intact and that he has the backing of his minister and back benchers alike. History will be the judge of his performance as he is now embarking on a journey detached from the John Howard era and entering a new political arena where consultation is balanced with making a captain's call during a crisis.



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