



Mackellar MP Report Card 2022:

DR. SOPHIE SCAMPS

 VOICES OF
MACKELLAR
BE HEARD

DECEMBER 2022

Dr. Scamps' actions and achievements:

May - December 2022

Voices of Mackellar was first established in 2020 with the primary purpose of encouraging the highest standard of community consultation and political representation for the residents of Mackellar.

The non-partisan, grassroots community group spent its first 2 years engaged in Kitchen Table Conversations with the local community via online and in person gatherings. The contributions of 800+ participants were collated and published in the [Mackellar Matters Report 2022](#); a resource representing a snapshot of the Mackellar electorate; their values, concerns and opinions on the issue of political representation.

The two key findings were a 'Top 20' list of issues and concerns (at either a local or national level) as well as a resounding theme around the desire for community voices to be genuinely heard and included. The full details of the findings were shared with all candidates in the leadup to the May Federal election.

The Voices of Mackellar Committee met with Dr. Scamps and her team three months after her election as Mackellar's first Independent MP (See pictured above). A key objective of the meeting was to revisit the published Issues from the Report based on our commitment to foster the accountability of our political representative to the Mackellar community.



Dr. Scamps has since provided the following information on her actions and activities to date on the Top 20 Issues of Concern as per the Mackellar Matters 2022 Report.

We are pleased to make this information available to the Mackellar community which can be verified from information on Dr. Scamps website (see www.sophiescamps.com.au/news) and social media channels. We look forward to Dr. Scamps speaking about these and other issues in our upcoming Q&A in early 2023.

Mackellar Matters Report

Top 20 Issues and concerns

01 Climate change

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Pushed the Government to increase the ambition of Australia's 2030 emissions reduction target – which is now enshrined in law alongside our 2050 net zero target through the passing of the Climate Change Bill
- Submission on the Safeguard Mechanism, which calls for its redesign to ensure Australia meets its 2030 emissions reduction target of 43% and that we achieve an orderly transition to net zero by 2050
- Submission on the National Electric Vehicle Strategy: consultation paper, calling for fuel efficiency standards, investment in EV charging infrastructure and policies to make EVs cheaper
- Called on the Government to establish a National Strategy Health and Climate Strategy, which has been initially funded in the Budget
- Moved a motion to ensure we recognise climate change as a health emergency
- Supported the establishment of a Disaster Readiness Fund
- Led calls for an end to offshore oil and gas drilling

02 Accountability/ transparency

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Worked closely with the Attorney-General to establish a National Anti-Corruption Commission with teeth
- Submission to the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary Standards
- Developing a Private Members Bill 'Ending Jobs for Mates' to establish an independent and merit-based process to select candidates for government boards, committees and departmental appointments

03 Environment

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Supported the motion that would see a 'Climate Trigger' inserted into our national environmental law – the EPBC Act
- Met with the NSW Planning Minister to express the community's concerns on Lizard Rock
- Called on the Government to do more to halt deforestation and biodiversity loss, including ending the carve out for the forestry industry in Australia's national environmental laws

04 Inequality

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Supported the Defence, Veterans' and Families' Acute Support Package Bill 2022
- Supported the Fair Work Amendment (Paid Family and Domestic Violence Leave) Bill 2022 which allows 10 days domestic violence leave
- Supported the National Health Amendment (General Co-payment) Bill 2022, supporting cheaper medicines
- Supported the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Cheaper Child Care) Bill 2022, to make childcare more accessible and more affordable for all Australian families
- Voted in favour of extending paid parental leave from 18 weeks to 26 weeks and led the call to address Australia's gender pay and super gaps
- Called for a pay increase for feminised industries including aged care workers, nurses, teachers and early education workers



05 Corruption/ Integrity/Ethics

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Worked closely with the Attorney-General to establish a National Anti-Corruption Commission with teeth
- Submission to the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary Standards
- Developing a Private Members Bill to establish an independent and merit-based process to select candidates for government boards, committees and departmental appointments
- Supported the Stop The Lies Bill, which aims to improve public trust in political advertising by banning inaccurate or misleading ads during election campaigns
- Backed steps to strengthen whistleblower protection laws



06 Media diversity/ Independence/ ABC

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Supported the Member for Goldstein Zoe Daniel's call for an Inquiry into media diversity in Australia

07 Housing affordability – home ownership

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Backed Northern Beaches Council's Housing Strategy

08 Indigenous recognition/ Closing the Gap

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Has advocated on the Uluru Statement from the Heart and has publicly supported a yes vote in the forthcoming referendum on a Voice to Parliament

09 Education

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Successfully moved an amendment to the Government's Higher Education Support Bill 2022, which aims to help address the GP and nursing shortages faced by communities in regional Australia.

10 Sustainability

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

See Climate Change and Environment.

11 Renewables

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Called for policies to address the energy crisis facing Australia - including more investment in renewable energy and electric vehicle infrastructure, as well as intervention in the gas market to reduce energy prices

12 Fossil fuels

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Led calls to kill off the PEP-11 oil and gas drilling permit once and for all while calling on the Government to permanently end offshore oil and gas drilling
- Called for no more oil, coal and gas mines to be opened



13 Aged care

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Supported the Aged Care Amendment (Implementing Care Reform) Bill 2022, which requires a registered nurse to be on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at every aged-care facility; limits the amount of money that can be charged on administration for home-care packages and requires the capping of fees by home-care providers.

14 Mental health

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Met with the Health Minister to discuss the need for increased mental health services in Mackellar and across Australia
- Has called on the Government to extend the additional 10 psychology sessions
- Has called on the Government to address the lack of funding for strategic planning, including ongoing pandemic risks and mental health

15 Lack of long-term planning

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Called for policies to free us from the bane of skyrocketing petrol prices, like fuel efficiency standards, EV subsidies, and investment in electric vehicle/EV charging infrastructure
- Called for the overhaul of the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax to build a sovereign wealth fund to support future generations and a just energy transition

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Tax reform

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Has called on the Government to redesign the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax
- Has called on the Government to phase out fossil fuel subsidies and reform the way we tax resource companies
- Advocating for a resource super profits tax to help pay down Australia's national debt and build a sovereign wealth fund

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Workers' rights, casualisation, gig, underpayments

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Mackellar Business Survey and Report
- Participated in the Jobs & Skills Summit
- Moved amendments to the Fair Work Amendment Bill 2022
- Supported pay rises for low-wage earners, especially nurses and aged care workers

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Foreign investment – selling Australian assets, farms etc

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Opposed the sale/lease of vital national infrastructure such as the Port of Darwin, to foreign interests

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Refugees

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Supported the Ending Indefinite and Arbitrary Immigration Detention Bill 2021, calling on the Government to urgently end the practice of indefinite detention of refugees both offshore and onshore
- Supported the Community Refugee Integrated Settlement Pilot

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University funding/fees

Action taken by Dr. Sophie Scamps MP:

- Successfully moved an amendment to the Government's Higher Education Support Bill 2022, which aims to help address the GP and nursing shortages faced by communities in regional Australia.





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