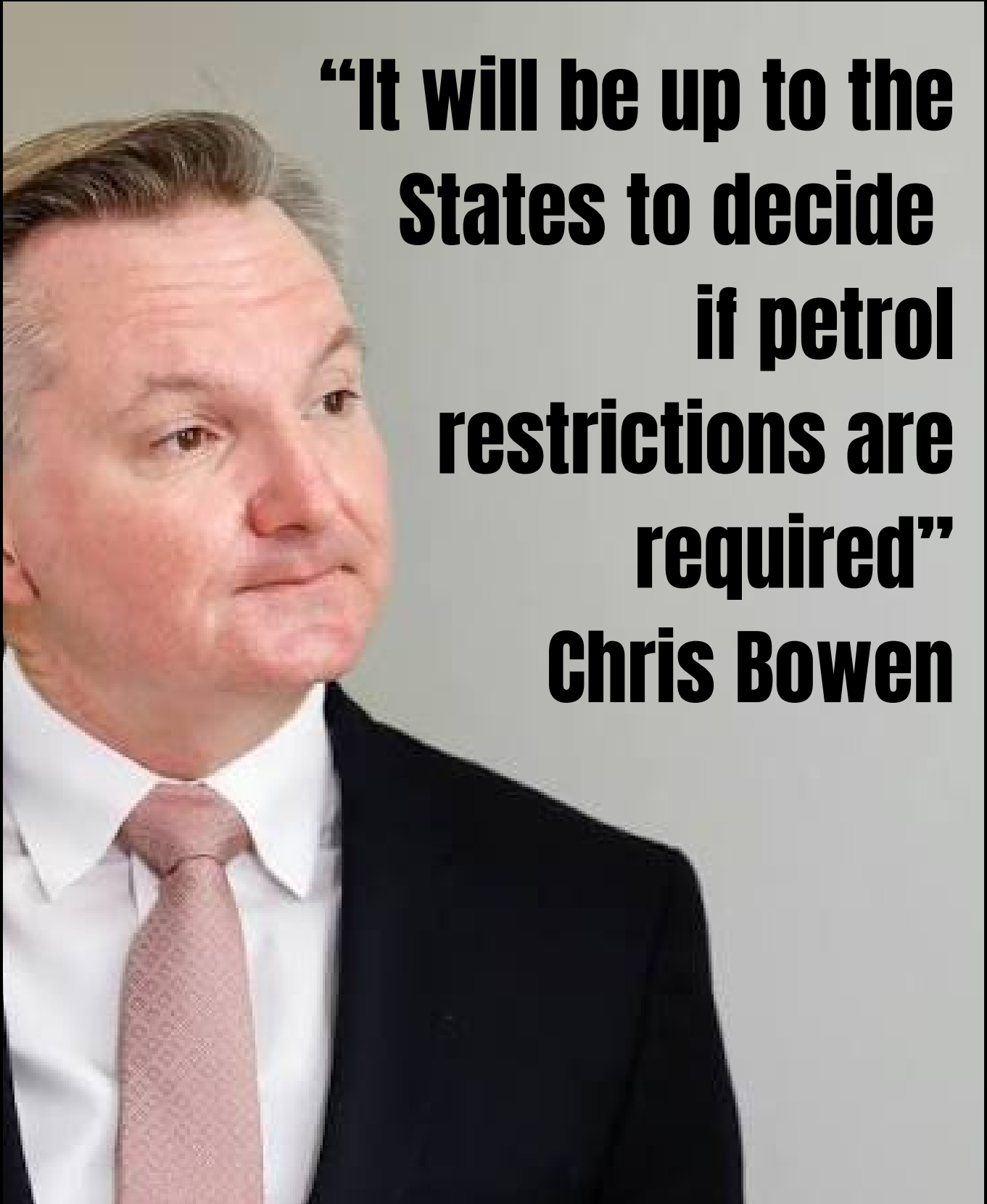


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**“It will be up to the
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EDITORIAL

It was a thumping win for Peter Malinauskas who gets a second term as Premier of South Australia. But while Labor were the clear winners it was One Nation that took line honours. No, One Nation didn't win enough votes to go into opposition in SA but that they saw a 19% swing come to them and watched as the Libs saw a 16% swing away from them. The Libs had a smaller primary vote than One Nation as well, with the Libs on 19% and Pauline's party at 22%. Like most state capitals the inner city of Adelaide mostly voted Labor but it was in suburbs, the working class areas and remote parts of the state where One Nation crippled the Libs.

The big issue out of the SA result is two fold, leaving Labor aside, one that right across the country the Libs are in deep trouble of becoming a minor party and second that One Nation is now a force to be reckoned with. While Albo in particular and of course Matt Canavan have dismissed One Nation as divisive and full of hate the reality is One Nation are having an impact and it's about time the majors accepted it.

With the ever growing threat of a fuel crisis hanging over our heads, Chris Bowen headed for the ABC Insiders program where he gave a promo campaign for Chinese EV's and asked everyone not to panic buy petrol! He's not wrong about the panic buying because we haven't actually seen that much of a decline in the petrol that is arriving into Australia but that remote parts of Australia are running out or have done so is not good enough. The lack of petrol in remote areas is going to have major impacts on pretty much every walk of life and the government needs to sort itself out. The worrying thing Bowen did say though was that it would basically be up to the states to implement petrol rationing if they thought it was needed...hang on Victoria, we have heard this game before!

Back with Albo and off the back of his mosque visit he came away saying he'd had a great time and he was just soaking it all in. Now we know that's garbage because we heard and saw what the PM was confronted with but in the wash up he's suggested division is on the cards if we don't handle race and religion carefully...well Albo it's a bit late now plus how are those migration numbers looking?!

Sam Kerr and her teammates lost their Asian cup final 1-0 but while the press were pretty quick to have a crack at the women for losing the final, can we ask where the men are at recently? How many members of the men's soccer team inspired so many young people? How many men's players have become household names? In a sport mostly controlled by men and played by men, how about the soccer industry in Australia says well done ladies, thank you for all you do and leave the bullshit aside?

Have a great Monday and see you tomorrow.

IS TRUMP FAILING IN IRAN?

Is Donald Trump failing in Iran? The answer depends on what “success” actually looks like, but right now, the signs point to a strategy under serious strain rather than one in control.

On paper, Trump has delivered heavy blows. U.S. strikes have damaged Iranian military infrastructure and set back elements of its nuclear capability assuming they were real to begin with. Yet war isn’t measured in airstrikes alone, it’s about outcomes. And that’s where things get murky.

Iran has not folded. Instead, it has escalated. The closure—or partial disruption—of the Strait of Hormuz, through which roughly 20% of global oil flows, has triggered economic shockwaves and pushed oil prices sharply higher throughout the world. This is a strategic counterpunch: Iran can’t match the U.S. militarily, but it can hurt the global economy and by extension, Trump politically.

Even more telling is Tehran’s defiance. Despite thousands of strikes and mounting damage, Iran is refusing ceasefire terms unless major concessions are made. That suggests deterrence has failed. If anything, pressure has hardened their position which is deeply troubling for the world.

There are also signs of strategic inconsistency. Trump has simultaneously escalated threats—warning he could “obliterate” Iran’s infrastructure—while easing oil sanctions to stabilise markets. That contradiction hints at a reactive approach rather than a coherent long-term plan. The 48 hour warning given by the President to Iran will be a line in the sand or another empty threat.

Then there's the broader geopolitical picture. Allies appear hesitant, and the conflict is expanding regionally, with attacks spreading beyond Iran into neighbouring states. This is the exact scenario U.S. strategy typically tries to avoid: a contained conflict turning into a wider, unpredictable one.

To be fair, Iran is weakened—economically, militarily, and internally. But weakness doesn't equal defeat. History shows Iran's regime is built to endure pressure, not collapse under it.

The conspiracy theorists will say that all of Trump's manoeuvrings are a ploy to cut China off, to refocus manufacturing in the US or to force countries to buy oil from the US, but while the conspiracy theorists will always say what they like, what is true is that the US now controls how the oil coming out of Venezuela is sold. So if the Strait of Hormuz is closed then the US can then dictate who gets oil from their sources. But it begs the question is Trump a genius or just a bumbling idiot?

The more immediate question though is; is Trump failing? Not outright—but he's far from winning. Right now, he's stuck in the most dangerous position in foreign policy: escalating without achieving resolution, and applying pressure without gaining control and the world is becoming increasingly worried about what the President intends to do next.

IS SOUTH AUSTRALIA A WARNING TO VICTORIA?

A 16% swing away from a major political party is terrifying. It means that the party has lost its ability to convince voters that they can be the alternative or at least offer accountability. The Libs in SA got hammered to the point of embarrassment and it was One Nation who were laughing at them.

For nearly 30 years Pauline Hanson has been banging the One Nation drum and now she's the fruits of her Labor or Liberals come to fruition. The result in SA was an easy win for Labor but that One Nation got more of the public vote than the Libs should be extremely worrying for the Libs in Victoria.

In Victoria there's no doubt Barbie and her lot are on the nose but if the Libs see a swing away in November like what was seen in SA they face a catastrophe. A swing away of 16% would see the Libs be reduced to a minor party and would no doubt see One Nation roll into opposition but the big kicker would be that Labor win again.

Victoria is a Labor town and while Allan is indeed on the nose there are a lot of people who don't want her to lose come November so it was always going to be a tough race, but add in One Nation and you'd have to say they hang on. They hang on not because people like Allan, far from it, but they hang on because people will vote for One Nation over the Libs.

In the past One Nation voters have mainly been confined to Queensland but with things the way they are and with SA seeing a major shift you can't help but say Victoria is next. After the SA result I think Labor get back in in Victoria with the Libs facing a wipe out and One Nation with the balance of power. I may well be wrong because Allan is not popular so she may well get thrashed but if Labor do hang onto their core supporters and One Nation do take votes from the Libs Allan will indeed become the first female elected premier of the state.

The question the SA result leaves for One Nation is what do they really want? If they spilt the vote in Victoria with the Libs, Labor will win but if they do a deal with the Libs Labor are gone...with so many Victorians struggling, with the state debt ridden and broken will One Nation allow Labor to win again? Or will they work on ridding the state of a Labor government that has ruined the state? Victoria represents an opportunity for One Nation and it is to actually help the people to rid the state of Labor...what they do in the lead up to the election will define who they really are.

ARE WE FACING A NEW STAY AT HOME CRISIS?

A good portion of why Hoodies came about was because of the Covid crisis. I like many of us hated lockdowns and despised the Andrews government but while we will never again allow ourselves to be locked up in our own homes because of a virus what if we run out of petrol? What if supply chains stop and what if we are again forced to stay at home?

For me, it's hard to see that we would have world leaders and governments that would allow the world to come to a grinding halt again but should we start to think of what if? The big issue is supply chain. The world needs access to oil and while there are other ways to get oil disruptions to supply can have massive impacts right across the world.

The fuel crisis may have put a smile on the face of Chris Bowen who took his chance to promote EV car companies on the ABC but what this war in the Middle East does show us is that the world is not ready to transition to renewables! We don't have the infrastructures to say it's ok we'll get food supplies onto these electric trucks...we need petrol and we need oil to function as a society.

Trump's approach to the war on Iran isn't doing anyone any favours and the pressure it's putting on global supply is worrying but while we aren't a working crisis as yet Trump must keep the Strait of Hormuz open and the world moving. If he doesn't it's been made clear to us by Chris Bowen that it will be up to the states of Australia to implement their own fuel rationing policies and in Victoria that means Jacinta Allan will take control of how we get around the state.

If the war in Iran does drag on, the Allan Labor government will unquestionably invoke special powers and keep people under their control for as long as they can get away with it...and how will they sell it to voters? Saving lives? Saving businesses? Saving the country? Saving money? Helping families? Who knows but it'll be reasoning of the highest order and it'll be all Trumps fault in a world according to Barbie.

100 DAYS OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA BAN

Well did the social media ban for kids under 16 work? Well for our kids yes it did. We were already pretty strict on screen time and use of the iPad, but given we sold the social media ban to our kids as, if you don't do what the government says mum and dad get fined we don't have it being used at all anymore.

One of our kids got an old school flip phone for Christmas and despite her advancing years has no interest in getting a smart phone. She knows the pitfalls of social media and like us is deeply concerned about being targeted by unknown and random strangers online.

It's hard to know if all families are the same as us in that the end of social media for kids has been a good thing, but over the last few days with the weather being so nice there have indeed been more kids out on bikes and scooters than I've see for a while. Is it because they can't get onto Tik Tok or Snapchat? Who knows but that a kid is riding his or her bike outside is at least one part of their day away from the perils and dangers of social media.

Have the first 100 days of the social media ban been a success? For us yes and I hope for other families it's a yes as well because there are things kids just don't need to be exposed to or have to deal with...enjoy the bike ride and the park rather than Roblox and snap chat kids, they're a much better option!

THE CULTURE

My five cultural necessities

When it comes to music and art I have five artists I cannot live without;

Puccini

Verdi

Bach

Turner

Basquait

Puccini for me is the greatest of the Verismo composers. A composer that gave us music that connected right to our hearts and unquestionably gave life to the modern music theatre genre. Puccini gave us some of the greatest operas ever written, Tosca, Fanciulla, Butterfly, Boheme and Turandot to name a few with music that is timeless, beautiful and memorable all in one. As the old clapped out tenor that I am I find the opportunity to sing E lucevan Le stelle as one of the luckiest things I am able to do, but only in the confines of my lounge room...long may the works of Puccini live on!

Tomorrow we talk Bach...have a great day to all!



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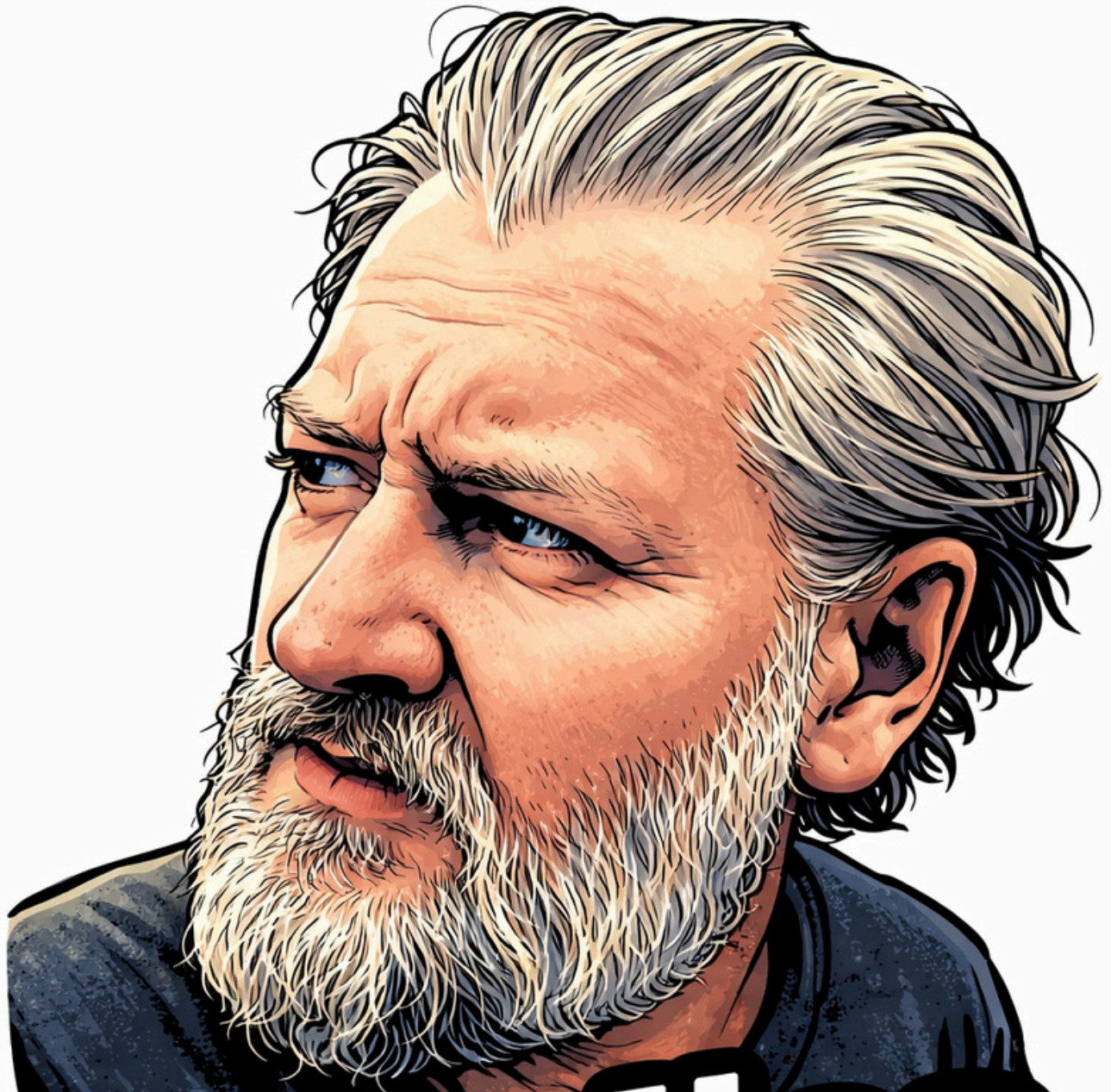
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