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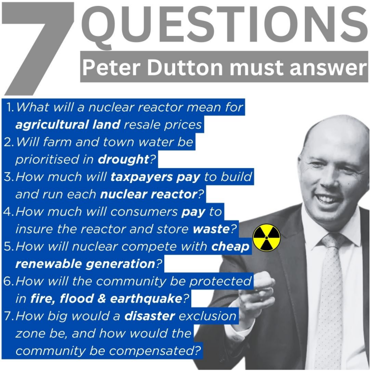
G'day Eastern Vic,

I hope you're well.

This month, with minimal detail, Peter Dutton has confirmed many of our fears - and after no community consultation, has revealed he wants a nuclear reactor in Victoria.

Fighting Back Against Nuclear



7 QUESTIONS

Peter Dutton must answer

1. What will a nuclear reactor mean for ***agricultural land*** resale prices
2. Will farm and town water be prioritised in ***drought***?
3. How much will ***taxpayers pay*** to build and run each ***nuclear reactor***?
4. How much will consumers ***pay*** to insure the reactor and store ***waste***?
5. How will nuclear compete with ***cheap renewable generation***?
6. How will the community be protected in ***fire, flood & earthquake***?
7. How big would a ***disaster*** exclusion zone be, and how would the community be compensated?

We know what a bad idea nuclear power is for Victoria. It's costly, unwanted, and will take too long.

But Peter Dutton has singled out the Latrobe Valley to host a reactor - which his own party isn't sure about - which has impacts for landholders right across Gippsland.

The Liberal/Nationals remain very divided on nuclear power - but I'm determined to make sure it doesn't happen.

Read my latest editorial here and sign my petition below.

Tell Dutton No

New Train Stations In Pakenham

EAST PAKENHAM
VICTORIA

With Bass MP Jordan Crugnale, Premier Jacinta Allan, and Pakenham MP Emma Vulin at East Pakenham Station.

I visited Pakenham with Premier Jacinta Allan, Emma Vulin, and Jordan Crugnale early in June, where we saw the new Pakenham Station, with three level crossings removed on that line!

On top of this, we built a station at East Pakenham, which means 2km of new train line to service housing developments, and which supports V/Line trains into the city.

An incredible workforce has delivered this congestion busting infrastructure that will deliver for the community & our economy for decades to come.

Payrise For Nurses!

We're
recognising and
rewarding
Victorian nurses & midwives
VICTORIA
State
Government

Victorian nurses and midwives are receiving a massive pay rise!

Historic wages based on gender are being addressed, and this increase recognises the incredible work they do all across the state.

Midwives and nurses will receive a 28.4% pay increase, with improved allowances and better conditions.

I want to say a big thank you to our nurses, for all they do.

Parkville Station

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With Sunbury MP Josh Bull, Cranbourne MP Pauline Richards, Northcote MP Kat Theophanous, and Southern Metropolitan MP Ryan Batchelor.

I visited the recently finished Parkville Metro station - which is great news for students and those of us who need the hospital.

It's one of five new stations and will mean quicker access to Melbourne University, and the Royal Women's, Royal Melbourne, and Peter Mac Cancer Centre.

All this will enable Gippsland V/Line services to change at Pakenham, and go direct to the new Shrine, Town Hall, RMIT, Parkville Hospital precinct, and Arden Street Stations.

Victorians will save time accessing these facilities because they won't have to change onto multiple trams.

So; you'll ride with more frequent services, with capped fares, on trains built in Victoria for Victorians.

CFMEU Training Unit

Like all great Victorian Unions, the CFMEU ensures its members work safely and get home to their loved ones.

I visited its education and training unit to see how they're skilling Victorian workers.

It delivers 10,000 tickets a year in first aid, rigging, asbestos removal, scaffolding, pre-apprenticeships - and many more essential construction skills.

Inspiro Lilydale

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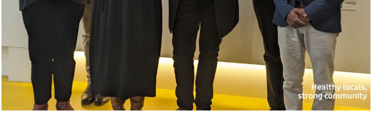

Inspiro Lilydale do incredible work in the community health space, serving a growing community.

I met with their great staff and board to tour their building and understand all the services they offer locals.

Peninsula

Devilbend Farm Brewery

I visited Devilbend Brewery at Tuerong this month to see their outstanding restaurant.

The farmgate restaurant is a restored apple shed with the brewery in direct view.

The brewery is unique with its barley, hops, wheat, and yeast all grown on site.

The water supply is rainwater, with all used water going back onto the crops and their cattle fed on the spent grain from the brewing process.

The meals are 'paddock to plate' dining, and the drinks are 'paddock to pint' - a truly sustainable local business.

Frankston Thrive Hub Open!

With Frankston MP Paul Edbrooke, Minister for Employment Vicki Ward, and Hastings MP Paul Mercurio.

The centre, run by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, is helping Frankston and Peninsula locals get long term employment within in-demand industries.

The Victorian Government has put $1 million into the hub and it will make a meaningful difference in people's lives and the local economy.

Fishermans Jetty Rebuild

I announced the complete rebuild of Fishermans Jetty!

Locals joined me to celebrate the investment - which includes safety improvements, and better access for users.

This news has been very well received.

Mornington Secondary Visit

With Mornington Secondary College Principal Linda Stanton

Thanks to Mornington Secondary College Principal Linda Stanton for the school tour.

Great to see the work of students and teachers behind the scenes, everything they are accomplishing and what is needed going forward.

Sporting Club Grants Program

Having a bowl at Mt Martha Bowls & Petanque Club, and speaking with club members at Mornington Croquet Club.

I announced more than 10 sporting clubs who are getting money from the Sporting Club Grants Program!

I joined Mount Martha Bowls & Petanque Club and Mornington Croquet Club to celebrate.

Congrats to all the successful recipients; from croquet to life saving, and footy to sailing.

Peninsula Specialist College

With Peninsula Specialist College Principal Trevor Hodsdon.

Principal Trevor Hodsdon showed me around Peninsula Specialist College.

We discussed the $10m development plans made possible by the State Government’s investment in specialist schools!

Gippsland

Tiny Towns Winners!

More than 30 Gippsland groups won funding out of the Tiny Towns fund round one!

Last week I travelled to the Loch Memorial Reserve, where they'll get funds for a new playground.

On the same day I visited Jeetho Hall, where they'll be getting money a picnic area and historic information boards, and stopped by Nyora Football Netball Club, who will get new umpire changerooms with a grant.

With Nyora Football Netball Club representatives, and Jeetho Hall volunteers.

Coal Creek will get $50,000 for repairs and replacement of the train carriages' roofs.

This means that volunteers like Friends of Coal Creek will be able to fix the roof to stop water leaking in and enable repair to the rest of the carriages.

Coal Creek is such a well-loved site locally, I'm proud that these funds will help make it better!

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With Friends of Coal Creek members.

Leongatha TAFE Visit

With Gippsland TAFE Director of Student Experience Justin Fallu, and CEO Laura Macpherson.

Gippsland TAFE CEO Laura Macpherson and Director of Student Experience Justin

Fallu gave me a tour of the Leongatha Campus.

I’m passionate about TAFE, and what it means for training a highly skilled and productive workforce to meet the demands of our strong economy.

The Leongatha campus offers nursing, hairdressing, mechanics, and chef apprenticeships, just to name a few.

AJ Freeman Reserve Changerooms

Paynesville's new female changerooms at AJ Freeman Reserve are nearly ready.

The state government put $1 million towards the project, and it was great to drop by, see the progress - and get a lesson or two on the court!

East Bairnsdale Community Hub

With Lisa Lightowler from East Bairnsdale Community Hub.

East Bairnsdale Community Hub staff and volunteers support locals in many ways.

They showed me around their kitchen, vegetable garden, food bank social spaces - and even gave me one of their great cookbooks!

Parliament

HACSU Meeting

With Health And Community Services Union members in Parliament.

Our mental health lived experience workers do an incredible job supporting Victorians.

A group of them came into Parliament during the sitting week with the Health and Community Services Union.

I want to thank them all for the work they do, and for sharing their stories with me.

Footy For Climate

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SHERRIN
AFL

With Tom Campbell and Kororoit MP Luba Grigorovitch at Parliament for Footy for Climate.

Some of our past and present AFL players are taking up the fight for climate action.

They're sticking up for footy clubs that can't use their ovals and rooms when hit by floods and storms, and advocating for solar to keep their bills down and ensure we keep our climate stable.

Great work by Tom Campbell & Jasper Pittard who kicked off the Footy For Climate campaign - and thanks for bringing in the 2024 Premiership Cups that the Pies can take back to back!

Committees

This month I sat on the Inquiry into Local Government Funding, and a report was handed down from the Inquiry into Pig Welfare, which I also sat on.

Constituency Questions

- Question to the Minister for Energy, on government support for locals who are against nuclear.
- Question to the Minister for Disability, on support the government is providing to Eastern Victorians with disability

Member's Statements

- Thank you to our SES volunteers

Debates

- Renewable energy supports generations of jobs!

In the News

My team and I make a huge effort to ensure locals hear about the work the government is doing. Here are some of the local media stories published covering this month:

- Stargazing to connect - Bairnsdale Advertiser (print only)
- Funds for timber industry - Gippsland Times (print only)
- Gippsland Line delays slammed - Gippsland times (print only)
- Helping timber workers succeed with new opportunities - Yea Chronicle
- Money for Gippsland - TRFM
- Funding For History - Gold 1242
- Funding for EGCMA - TRFM
- Building better fish habitats - Bairnsdale Advertiser (print only)
- Timber innovation grants open - Snowy River Mail (print only)
- Grants preserve local history - Bairnsdale Advertiser (print only)
- A big difference for South Gippsland's tiniest towns - South Gippsland Sentinel Times

Also keep a listen out for regular appearances on local radio:

- Radio East Gippsland
- ABC Gippsland
- TRFM

Media Releases

Here is a list of media releases distributed during June. These can also be found on my website:

- 80 LEVEL CROSSINGS GONE PLUS TWO NEW STATIONS IN PAKENHAM

- FULL REBUILD FOR FISHERMANS JETTY
- NEW ROUND OF TIMBER INNOVATION GRANTS OPEN
- BOOST FOR PENINSULA SPORTING CLUBS
- MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR WELLINGTON SHIRE'S TINIEST TOWNS
- PRESERVING EAST GIPPSLAND COMMUNITY HISTORY
- BUILDING BETTER FISH HABITATS ACROSS EAST GIPPSLAND WATERWAYS
- NEW PROJECTS MAKING REGIONAL GIPPSLAND TOWNS EVEN BETTER
- GIVING GIPPSLAND WOMEN THE HEALTHCARE THEY DESERVE
- STAGE SET FOR EAST GIPPSLAND'S WANGUN AMPHITHEATRE
- MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR SOUTH GIPPSLAND'S TINIEST TOWNS
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Editorials

I responded to Peter Dutton's announcement that the Latrobe Valley would be one of seven sites to host a nuclear power reactor.

- DUTTON BLINDSIDES VICTORIA WITH NUCLEAR ANNOUNCEMENT

Wrap-up

Thanks for reading my monthly update.

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