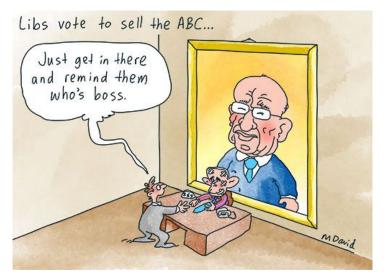


BONUS EDITORIAL: The ABC of aspiration and desperation

By David Donovan 21 June 2018



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Aspiration is the latest buzzword of the Turnbull Government. They used it so much in Parliament this week, it started to sound like desperation.

Apparently, according to Prime Minister Turnbull in Question Time, a 60-year-old aged care worker in Burnie, Tasmania, shouldn't worry about tax cuts for the well-off, but <u>should instead</u> *"aspire to get a better job".*

Looking after old people, it seems, isn't a worthy aspiration for our Prime Minister.

Of course, the only job this 63-year-old former investment banker from <u>Point Piper</u> is concerned about is his own, although his aspiration to keep it seems to be fast receding.

That's because he and his Government's meagre aspirations are so far removed from those of the vast majority of Australians.

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Firstly, they aspire to make people on \$200,000 (people near their own social strata) pay the same marginal tax rate as those earning \$41,000 a year.

The following is a graph from the *Guardian*'s Greg Jericho, which shows who gets the benefits from the Government's planned personal income tax cuts (spoiler, it's not the poor):

A reminder of who benefits from stage 2 and 3 of the tax cuts pic.twitter.com/b1s840WLyO

— Greg Jericho (@GrogsGamut) <u>June 19,</u>
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