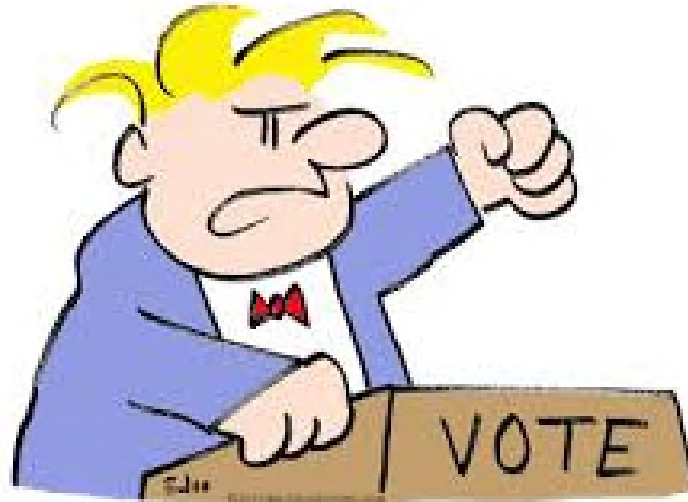


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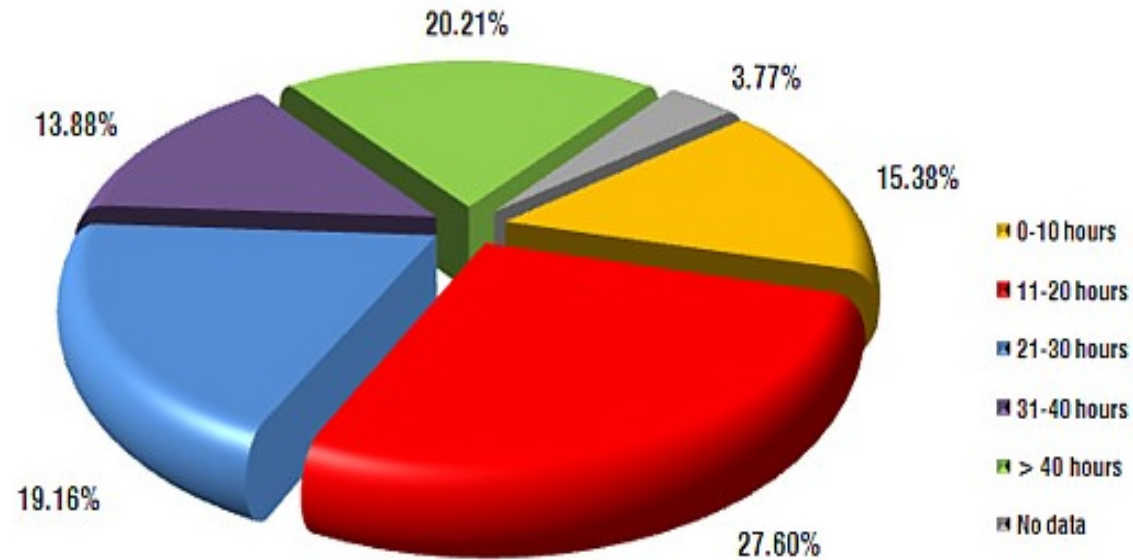
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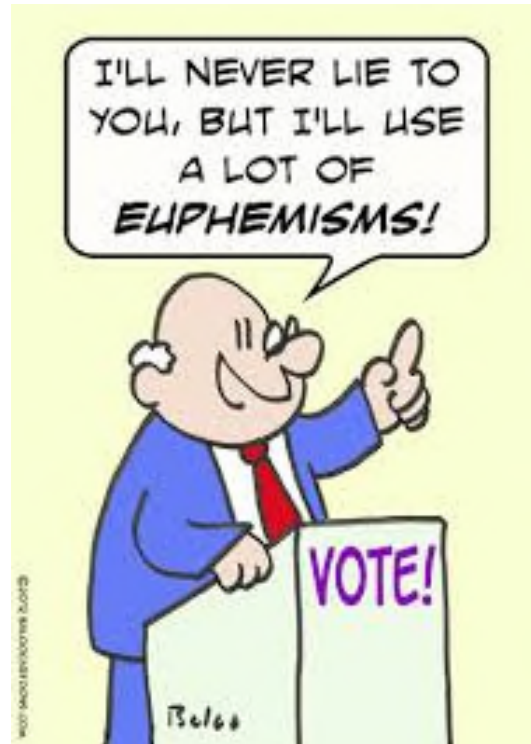


How many hours per week do you spend working with citizens?

Over 50 per cent of parliamentarians spend more than 20 hours per week working with citizens.



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Independent MP Geoff Brock helps Govt sink Lib marine parks Bill

DANIEL WILLS STATE POLITICAL EDITOR THE ADVERTISER SEPTEMBER 18, 2014 11:15AM

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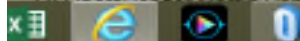


Tensions high in Parliament

CHANGES that would have allowed fishing in marine park conservation zones have been defeated, after months of heated debate ended with claims a Liberal MP landed a "hip and shoulder" on a minister on the floor of State Parliament.

Independent Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock yesterday cast the decisive vote in the torrid debate and sided with the Government against Opposition legislation that would have allowed fishing in 12 of the 83 existing sanctuary zones.

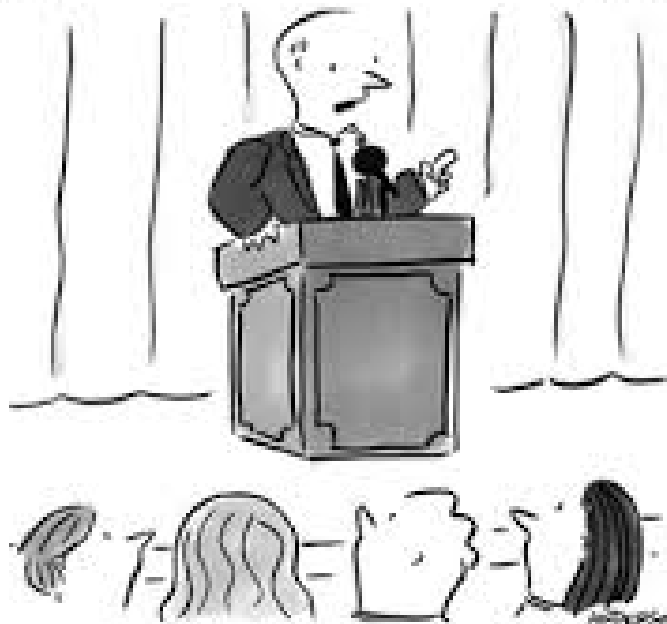
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"OK, I have just enough time to skirt one more issue."

How the mighty has fallen

NICK HENDERSON, POLITICAL REPORTER THE ADVERTISER SEPTEMBER 21, 2007 11:30PM

“.....the move proved Lomax-Smith was more interested in retaining the full support of her constituents than supporting the party”

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ONLY a few years ago, Jane Lomax-Smith was touted as the next Labor Premier.

Today, the Education Minister would be lucky to get more than a handful of votes in caucus following a tumultuous year which has seen



“.....I think there is now a feeling that Jane is really not a team player, it seems to be about her it is not about us, “another senior party source said ”

colleagues as well as her own. The fall of Dr Lomax-Smith's popularity within the party has been remarkable.



Jane Lomax-Smith.

Serious questions are now being asked internally about her ability to manage a portfolio and her motives for being in state politics.

While it is highly improbable she would be dumped from Cabinet while Mike Rann was Premier, her standing within the Labor caucus has plummeted.

“Lomax-Smith, speaking for the first time about the furore surrounding her Victoria park comments, said she was simply doing what she believed in”

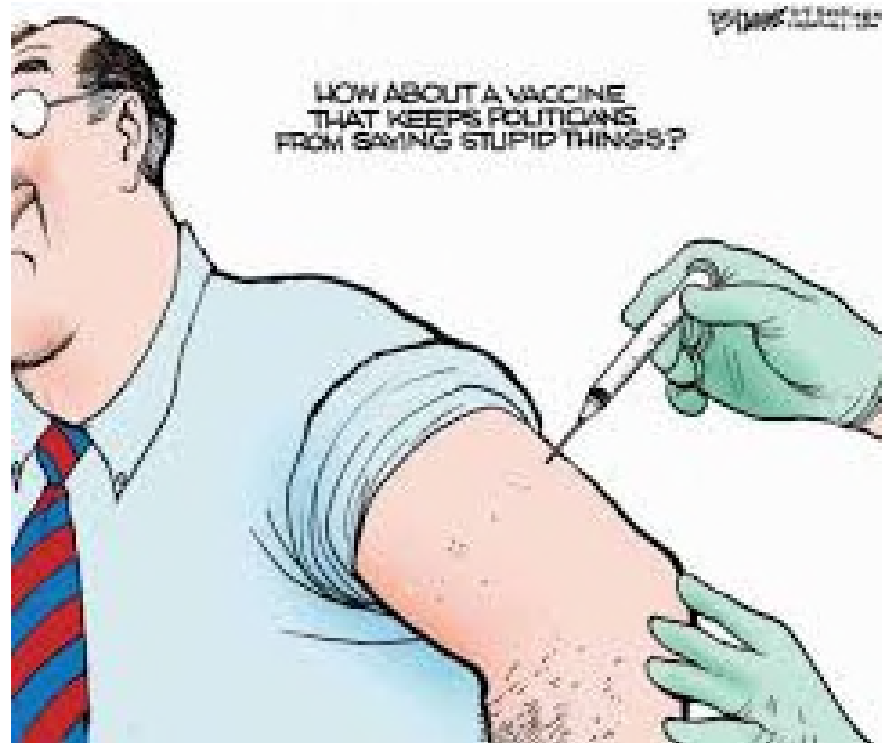
The Government's decision to sack Dr Lomax-Smith in 2002 led to her resignation.

In 2002, after a stunning victory in her own electorate, Dr Lomax-Smith was parachuted into the ministry as one of Mr Rann's "awesome foursome" female members of Cabinet.

She now holds the Education and Children's Services, Tourism, and City of Adelaide portfolios. She has always been considered a "protected species" because of her close relationship with Mr Rann.



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Shock Labor "betrayal" allows SA Govt to effectively privatise power utility

KERRY O'BRIEN: The issue of privatising Government assets is a contentious one for Federal and State governments.

In South Australia, a State weighed down by the debt of the State Bank crash of the '80s, the debate has been fierce over whether or not to sell the power utility, ETSA.

Late this afternoon, Labor Party traditionalist Trevor Crothers crossed the floor of Parliament to vote for a long-term lease of the utility to a private operator.

The decision has stunned his party, delighted the Government and changed South Australia's political landscape.

Mike Sexton reports:

JOHN OLSEN, SA PREMIER: It takes courage and commitment towards SA to take this step and I simply thank them for giving SA their consideration above party politics.

MIKE SEXTON: When Upper House member Terry Crothers crossed the floor late this afternoon, it ended an electrifying week in South Australian politics.

Born in Belfast and a career union organiser and Labor member, Crothers broke ranks to help the Government effectively privatise the State's power utility.

Crothers' decision gives the green light to the Olsen Government, who believes leasing ETSA, the State's power utility, will bring in billions to eliminate the State's debt repayment that currently works out at \$2 million per day.

JOHN OLSEN, GOVERNMENT VIDEO: We have only two choices, we're at the crossroads. My Government's choice is to sell or lease ETSA.

MIKE SEXTON: The Government had been frustrated by the Upper House which they don't control.

Because of their inability to sell the asset, last week's budget contained a new \$186-a-year tax on power bills designed to



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