

Policy Matters



Your weekly digest of policy reports that matter.
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Australia's Voice Referendum: on 14 October 2023, Australians will have a [referendum](#) on whether to change the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing a body called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

- [Why the Voice Referendum is Failing](#) from The Australian Population Research Institute
- [Administration of the Voice Referendum](#) a submission from the Australian Institute argues that Parliament legislates truth in political advertising (an argument of international relevance)

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University Presidents and Vice-Chancellors. Are they worth the pay they get?

- Their pay is often scapegoated by politicians and the media, but HEPI has just released a [serious and evidence-based discussion](#) of the topic.

Football (as in soccer). Europe's top five leagues alone spent an eye-watering \$6BN buying players in the transfer window that has just slammed shut.

- England's Premier League spent nearly half, begging the question: [how financially sustainable are England's 92 professional football clubs?](#)
- [And what's the inflation rate for player transfers?](#) - the Football Observatory has been tracking the data since 2013.

Aerated concrete in school buildings: [UK's Audit Office reported on the 'declining' condition of England's school buildings just three months ago.](#)

ChatGPT: [Few Americans think it will impact their job in a major way.](#)

Climate: [EU fossil generation hits record low as demand falls.](#)

AirBNB: [Regulating Short-Term Rentals in Australia](#)

Normandy Index 2023: [The latest data on threats to peace, security and democracy around the world](#)

Roads: [an analysis of accident and collision data](#) shows SUVs and Light Trucks keep their occupants safe, but at the expense of other road users (in French)

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I know it's here somewhere...Exposing grey literature for the greater good

In this free webinar, Dr. Amanda Lawrence and Toby Green explore why research organizations and policymakers are turning their backs on formal publication channels—and what it means for discovery, collection development, and the scholarly record.

September 12th at 6pm EST on Zoom



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