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PL2022 is an online professional development course for members of Australian parliaments (federal and state). The program is tailored each year to the current context, with this year's theme being *leading through uncertainty*.

PL2022 is an interactive and participatory program. Through engagement with practitioners, researchers and peers, we will explore what is demanded of leaders today in their communities, parties and parliaments, in the context of the unique public health, economic and climate challenges we face.

PL2022 will consider how political leaders can act in a way that not only serves their communities, but also improves trust in the institutions of policy, politics and society. This will revolve around maintaining wellbeing, building quality relationships and having influence, and will be supported by leading frameworks that you can apply in your own jobs.

PL2022 is open to all federal, state and territory MPs (other than those in Victoria and New South Wales, who have upcoming elections), with a maximum of 30 participants ensuring that there is an opportunity for intimate conversation.

The program involves six workshops, all delivered online via Zoom on Friday afternoons (1.30 – 3.00pm AEDT). The total cost of PL2022 is \$1,000 (plus GST). Upon registration, payment details will be arranged according to individual jurisdictions' parliamentary processes. The program is heavily subsidised by the philanthropy of the Susan McKinnon Foundation.

For more information on PL2022, please email: info@mckinnoninstitute.org.au

To register for PL2022, please scan the QR code or follow the link [here](#).



COURSE FACILITATORS

Professor Rod Glover

Academic Director, McKinnon Institute for Political Leadership
Former Deputy Secretary
Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet

Margaret Fitzherbert

CEO, McKinnon Institute for Political Leadership
Former MLC, State Parliament of Victoria



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When I was first asked to be a part of this course, I thought two things – firstly, do I really need to do this, and secondly, do I have time for this? Well, the answer to the first question was yes – I absolutely needed to do this, and the answer to the second part of the question – I have to find time to do this, there's no excuse.



What the McKinnon Institute team is doing is absolutely brilliant and we need you to keep doing it, and we need to be encouraging our colleagues to attend more of your courses. So, thank you for putting this all together.”

John Ajaka

Former President of the
NSW Legislative Council
PL2020 Graduate

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WHO WE ARE

The McKinnon Institute is Australia's only organisation dedicated to providing professional development programs for state and federal MPs.

The Institute is a partnership between Monash University and the Susan McKinnon Foundation, and is non-partisan and not-for-profit.



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Course Program

<p>WORKSHOP 1</p> <p>Leading through uncertainty</p> <p>Friday 7 October 1:30PM - 3:00PM AEDT</p>	<p>Engage with a reforming State Premier on the challenge of leading through uncertainty, where progress must be accelerated on issues that are high-stakes, complex and uncertain, and where the confidence of the community needs to be held throughout the process.</p> <p>Hon Jay Weatherill AO – Former Premier of South Australia</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 2</p> <p>Frameworks for decision-making</p> <p>Friday 21 October 1:30PM – 3:00PM AEDT</p>	<p>Politicians frequently need to make a decision that has significant impacts on the lives of others. Often these decisions must be made to tight deadlines, based on contested or uncertain evidence, and considering the reasonable but conflicting rights and interests of a range of parties. This workshop will explore different ethical frameworks and provide you with practical tools for ethical decision-making.</p> <p>Peter Mares – Lead moderator Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 3</p> <p>Keeping it real: building resilience and looking after your mental health</p> <p>Friday 4 November 1:30PM – 3:00PM AEDT</p>	<p>Explore the pressures of political life and how they can be managed better, learning from the lived experience of a leading politician and now mental health expert. Hear about techniques and tips you can use to be resilient in the face of pressure, from one of the nation's leading elite sports mentors.</p> <p>John Brogden AM – Former Leader of the Opposition, New South Wales Dr Deidre Anderson – Leading sports psychologist</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 4</p> <p>Creating a flourishing electorate office culture</p> <p>Friday 18 November 1:30PM – 3:00PM AEDT</p>	<p>The usual stress of electorate offices is amplified by the impact of COVID, and in many electorates, prolonged fatigue and working remotely. Sue Leidler has worked with MPs and their staff over many years, and offers some practical tips to help you navigate these challenges.</p> <p>Sue Leidler – Former Electorate Officer</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 5</p> <p>Developing trusted policy networks: an insider's view</p> <p>Friday 25 November 1:30PM – 3:00PM AEDT</p>	<p>Engage with one of Australia's most experienced political advisers about the importance of preparation, planning and trusted relationships. Hear practical tips on how to build the broad policy and political networks you will need if you are to have influence and impact.</p> <p>Ben Hubbard – Former Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Julia Gillard</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 6</p> <p>How MPs can influence reform from the backbench</p> <p>Friday 2 December 1:30PM – 3:00PM AEDT</p>	<p>Senator Dean Smith was the 2017 McKinnon Political Leader of the Year for his role in Australia's marriage equality debate. Through this case study, he will describe how personal commitment and a willingness to recognise diverse views can help to shape policy, political and societal change.</p> <p>Senator Dean Smith – Senator for Western Australia</p>