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Good evening!

Now you can stimulate your night-times with our unfiltered blend of the latest trending stories and favourite picks from *The Spectator Australia*.

What's spicy this evening

Instead of holding a second disastrous referendum – this time on the republic – I'm getting the sneaking suspicion that Albanese's new plan is to pick an intolerable and outrageous Governor-General in the hope it will convince conservatives to long for a republic. It's a trick, of course, but Labor is good at manipulating the public into terrible ideas.

Editor-in-Chief Rowan Dean's comments are even harsher. He writes in the leading article: 'Forget about Labor appointing a typical local charitable Aussie battler to the role of G-G. Mr Albanese has instead appointed ex-Labor staffer and anti-nuclear, climate-obsessed activist and high-flyer Samantha Mostyn, whose CV reads like a comedy sketch of wokeness and 'diversity': top roles at Reconciliation Australia, the Women's Economic Equality Taskforce, the Prince of Wales Business & Sustainability Programme, some union-owned super fund, a mob called Chief Executive Women, another mob called 1 Million Women, Virgin, Citibank, Transurban and several other woke 'gender diverse' and climate-obsessed board appointments, going right back to a stint working for Paul Keating. And as if we were in any doubt as to her virtue-signalling bona fides, she was a participant in Kevin Rudd's pointless 2020 Summit. If ever a person could be found to fit the clichéd description of the modern, out-of-touch, pampered elite leftist, it's Ms Mostyn.'

Double Shot creator Terry Barnes has also written about the decision. He said, 'This was more like a presidential candidate launching her campaign than someone who, in the Westminster constitutional tradition, is required to be impartial and apolitical.' That, I believe, is the purpose of the appointment. Albanese is not interested in upholding the sanctity of the role as a check-and-balance against political power. Nah... He appointed himself a political 'mate'. What are the chances this Governor-General has the guts to dismiss Albanese? Net Zero?

Speaking of democracy, the UK Reform Party has been shedding friends in the last 48-hours after it hushed up some of its candidates. Even so, it remains the party of the protest vote and the UK.

And in *Flat White*, John Chaumont looks into the notion of 'renewable gas'. The only reason we are having this conversation is because Woke councils have been circumnavigating state legislation and banning traditional gas installations in homes. This has upset Labor and Green voters, who want to keep their gas

stoves. Instead of admitting fault, hapless politicians are grasping at dodgy alternatives.

Lastly, Steven Tripp asks if Gen Z has a valid point about the economic pressure placed on their generation. Is this an ungrateful, lazy, privileged generation – or one that is about to pay for all the over-spending on previous governments...

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