

Say hello to Rupert Murdoch's new cabinet:

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It's common knowledge that to get to the front bench in modern politics, it helps to be privately educated and a lawyer. Other prerequisites may or may not include willingness

to cut the throat of your opponents and sell your offspring. So, who is the biggest psychopath? Let's find out...

TONY ABBOTT – Minister for woman's issues and presumably the PM.



Photo of PM Toned Abbs unavailable due to having not appeared in public since the election.

Likes flat earths, God, misogyny and sport, especially bicycles and swimming.

As a Rhodes Scholar he studied politics and philosophy and got 'a solid second', according to *The Guardian*. But by most accounts he mostly played sport and honed his bullying skills at Oxford.

A Rhodes Scholar, by the way, is not such a hard gig to get. It's part of a production line for 'world leaders' established by British imperialist Cecil Rhodes. Toned Abbs is proof that connections are more important than ability.

Doesn't like media, the climate, accountability, transparency, round earths, scientists, gays, fact and reason.

Ironically was a boat asy-

lum seeker himself and wants them stopped. Abbs is clearly the worst example of a 'leader' this nation has ever seen.

WARREN TRUSS – Deputy prime minister, minister for infrastructure and regional development.



Warren Truss is well adept at disguises: here he mimics floral wallpaper.

Ex-Kingaroy farmer and councillor, Truss is often mistaken for a wardrobe or hatstand. He can also easily camouflage himself against beige wallpaper, making it hard for predators to spot him. Just slashed \$150,000 in Byron Shire infrastructure funding last week and it's fair to say more is to come.

JULIE BISHOP – Foreign affairs minister.



As a corporate lawyer in the 1980s, she represented mining company CSR and tried to stop dying asbestos victims getting compensation in what remains Australia's greatest single industrial disaster. An estimated 1,000 people died who were living and working near the mine at Wittenoom, WA. Now minister for foreign affairs, she is contributing to the decline of Australia's international reputation. She's divorced, childless and the only woman in Toned Abbs's cabinet. Nickname: 'Token Deathstare'.

ERIC ABETZ – Minister for employment, minister assisting the prime minister on the public service.



Eric Abetz was born in Germany, migrated to Tassie then studied law. After that he spent roughly ten years in obscurity before politics.

Fun fact: Eric Abetz is the great-nephew of SS-Brigadeführer Otto Abetz, Nazi ambassador to Vichy France from 1940 to 1944.

GEORGE BRANDIS QC – Attorney-general, minister for the arts.



The Liberals are not known for their sense of humour, empathy, imagination or love of the arts, and Brandis is no exception. But there is comedic value in that he is minister for the arts; he said on ABC TV's *Q&A* last year that he doesn't even listen to music.

He's also a Queen's counsel (QC), which is slightly higher up the lawyer food-chain. He developed a large law practice in the mid 1980s specialising in trade practices law, and then in 2003 made a 20-minute speech describing the Green party as Nazis.

And Brandis likes a rort: it was revealed in 2011 that he had billed the taxpayer for attending the wedding of Sydney radio shock-jock Michael Smith. Possibly dangerous, so maintaining eye contact is recommended, although staring into the soulless vacuum of psychopathy is not advised. Best to avoid.

JOE HOCKEY – Treasurer.

Treasurer Hockey is of Armenian and Palestinian descent, a Roman Catholic and a republican.

Given that his heritage comes from an oppressed minority, one would expect him to have more empathy for people trying to escape persecution. Prior to public office he completed an arts-law degree, then became a banking and finance lawyer of no considerable note. This Sydney-sider has been in public office since 1996, loves rugby union and bashing the public service. Enjoys strip-mining public assets and denying essential services for the poor and disadvantaged.

BARNABY JOYCE – Minister for agriculture.



Pardon me, Joyce, is that another taxpayer-funded event you attended? This high profile Nationals MP can sometimes be mistaken for an iguana.

After he studied commerce, he became an accountant and is now minister for agriculture and public works.

Though never short of an opinion or colourful metaphor, I recall he didn't want to answer my direct question on whether he supports government accreditation of the renewable industries.

Currently, renewable industries such as solar, wind and hydro are regulated by fossil fuel companies.

What could possibly go wrong?

One redeeming feature is that he's crossed the floor 19 times (ie disagreed with his own party), but alas, he's best mates with Gina Rinehart.

Was ridiculed for his economic thesis, but told me he still stands by it.

CHRISTOPHER PYNE – Minister for education.



After he graduated with a diploma of legal practice he became a solicitor in 1991, but then was elected to public office in 1993.

And while that made him the youngest current member of the Australian parliament, it also makes him one with the least amount of real-life experience.

Pyne is a Roman Catholic and republican, likes ice-cream and is easily distracted by bright colours. Also a big fan on the war on drugs, Broadway musicals and the sound of his own voice.

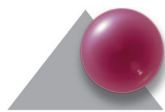
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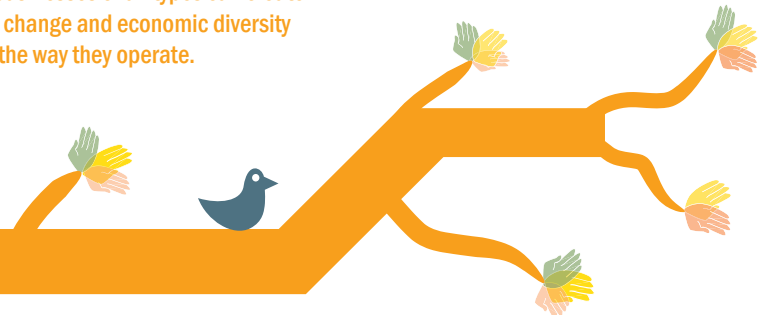


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