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News Summary

The Australian says an infrastructure boon for regional and rural Australia will form a centrepiece of Scott Morrison's quest to win back the bush as Liberal strategists prepare for a May 11 federal election to be called on the Sunday immediately following the April 2 budget.

With the Nationals now in crisis talks following the loss of two key seats at the weekend's NSW election, senior federal government sources have confirmed that a "significant" economic package for the bush has already been locked into the federal budget.

The SMH says the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party is preparing to launch a Federal election campaign targeting National seats.

The Australian says Gladys Berejiklian faces a difficult cabinet reshuffle as deputy leader of the Nationals Niall Blair announced yesterday he was quitting parliament a day after he was returned for an eight-year term in the upper house.

The Australian says anger over the axing of Malcolm Turnbull appears to be easing with a special Newspoll taken before the NSW election showing his replacement did not appear to be a major factor.

The Australian says Labor is positioning for a Mediscare 2.0 election campaign, vowing to unfreeze rebates on 100 GP items a year ahead of schedule as it kicks off a new marginal seats offensive over claimed Coalition "cuts" to health spending.

The Herald Sun says Scott Morrison and Greg Hunt will today announce that next week's Budget will deliver a \$496 million injection of health funding in Victoria including \$80 million for the Peter Mac centre to revolutionise cancer treatment.

The AFR says Scott Morrison and Michael McCormack are working on a peace deal over coal fired power to prevent another outbreak of hostilities within the Coalition before the federal election.

The Australian says two major trade deals, with Indonesia and Peru, are in danger of collapsing or

being delayed if Labor wins government at the next election.

The SMH says a re-elected Morrison government would spend \$2.5 billion bolstering Australia's capacity to intercept enemy aircraft through the purchase of a new short-range air defence system.

The SMH says Labor is on Monday expected to announce \$14 million over four years for nine Environmental Defenders offices across Australia.

The Courier says Annastacia Palaszczuk will today launch a campaign to secure a \$15 billion defence contract for QLD to build the Land 400 army vehicles.

The SMH says Centrelink has threatened to charge daily compounding interest, garnish wages or seize funds from the bank accounts of former welfare recipients who fail to pay 'robo-debts' issued by the government's automated recovery scheme.

The Courier says families are being warned to prepare for a meat tax that will make "spaghetti bolognese as expensive as a steak" and turn the "Aussie meat pie into an endangered species" under Labor's ambitious plan to cut carbon pollution.

The Australian says cabinet ministers have deliberated on confidential new Treasury modelling of the nation's reliance on the Age Pension, which shows the amount of money spent on retirees will fall faster than previously expected.

The Australian says Theresa May was at the mercy of a full-blown cabinet coup yesterday as senior ministers moved to oust the British Prime Minister and replace her with her deputy, David Lidington.

Up to a million people marched on the streets of London against Brexit on Saturday.

Comment

Dennis Shanahan - Bush votes deliver a brutal lesson to federal Coalition.

David Crowe - The Liberal Party's smartest move in the NSW election.

Tony Walker - After NSW, we're left with Hobson's choice for PM.

Janet Albrechtsen - Berejiklian succeeds by doing it her way.

Graham Richardson - No obvious replacement for a done and dusted Daley.

Matt Johnston - Why Liberals must plan for the future.

Andrew Bolt - Greens should ask themselves if they have blood on their hands.

Editorials

SMH - Berejiklian harvests the fruit of low-key, inclusive campaign.

Australian - NSW voters reward strong growth and infrastructure.

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