

ALBRECHTSEN: WHY TURNBULL DUMPED ME

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We know the Turnbull Government looked after Barnaby Joyce's lover, giving her plum jobs.

And we know how it punishes its critics, again through such jobs. [Columnist Janet Albrechtsen confirms](#) what I last year [reported](#) after she was dumped from the board of the National Museum:

At the end of last year I was told that I wouldn't be renewed on the board of the National Museum even though I'd been told by the relevant minister that I was going to be renewed.

"And then I heard that Malcolm Turnbull had said, 'Well, I can't possibly — why would I reappoint her? She is an enemy of mine.'

"And I'm thinking, I'm not an enemy. I'm writing from the centre right. I regard myself as a liberal. I'm not a member of the Liberal Party but a small 'l' liberal."

Yes, both sides of politics play mates-rates with taxpayer-funded jobs. Doesn't make it right, though, and these two particular examples stink.

I can't imagine *The Australian* will take kindly to this punishment of one of its star columnists. After all, such moves are an attempt at intimidation, and newspapers can't afford to let that go unanswered.

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