

## **Terry McCrann: Why we need the Morrison who 'stopped the boats'**

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I, AND rather more importantly, both the Government and the country can well live with Scott Morrison as prime minister.

This carries one big proviso: that it is the Morrison of 2010 through 2015 not the Morrison of 2016 through Thursday when he rather unconvincingly and even more embarrassingly put his arms around Malcolm Turnbull and declared "he's my leader".

That's the Morrison who not only "stopped the boats" under his THEN-leader Tony Abbott, but in some ways more importantly confronted and faced down the left-media tsunami against its inhumanity. Never mind, the lives Morrison saved.

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PM elect Scott Morrison leaves the party room with Josh Frydenberg after winning today's party vote. Picture: Ray Strange.

It's ironic and instructive that it was the guy he defeated yesterday who actually took over from him in that job — and continued its success.

Importantly — and it was something totally forgotten yesterday because he was the “Turnbull candidate” and the characterisation of the contest as ‘Dutton-from the right’ versus ‘Morrison from the moderates/left’ — is that the moderates (more accurately, the anti-Abbott forces) have actually elected someone from the right.

But someone from the right who can actually blend the moderates into the broader mix in a way that Dutton probably could not have.

This incidentally, makes it even more of a ‘rat act’ by departing prime minister Turnbull to persist with his decision to resign from the parliament and force a by-election which the government would likely lose.

This would destroy any chance of Morrison getting the time to build a profile both for himself and a new policy direction that is so vital.



Scott Morrison embarrassingly put his arms around Malcolm Turnbull and declared: “he’s my leader”. Picture: Kym Smith

Now my initial reaction to the deputy result was, oh no, surely anybody but Josh (and Julie). But then I heard who were the alternatives — Greg Hunt and Steve Ciobo.

The proviso with Frydenberg is exactly the same as that with Morrison: that it is not the Frydenberg who created the utter shambles of the so-called NEG or National Energy Guarantee. The NEG set out to permanently cripple our already tottering electricity system.

But also, that we got the pre-2016 Frydenberg whose brains had not yet been, well, fried by the bureaucrats in his department and the so-called external energy experts.

Good policy and the only chance for the Government to win the next election remains unchanged.



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The government must promise to walk away from the Paris Climate Accord farce and abandon all of the multi-billion dollar a year subsidies to so-called renewables; so as to deliver plentiful, cheap and reliable power to both industry and voters otherwise known as consumers.

The second is to move immediately to reduce our too-high immigration, which is strangling Melbourne and Sydney, forcing up property prices and bearing down on wages.

Morrison is exactly the person to embark on this.

Critically, he can work in Queensland and the western suburbs of Sydney, where the election will be won or lost. While Frydenberg can work in Melbourne.

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