

Roger

Thanks for letting me know. I think that Morrison has been scared of more opposition in addition to Banks. Perhaps Dutton decided he needed to take the lead and bring the Turnbull problem into the open. The question now is whether Morrison will use the opportunity to outline more acceptable policies and sell them to the electorate

Have a good year

Des

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Dear Des,

Just a quick note to let you know I've excerpted your latest bulletin's thoughts on Dutton and Turnbull and used them as the day's Essential Reading item at Quadrant online.

Can Morrison really lack the nous to draw a heavy black line under the Turnbull catastrophe? Or is it that he lacks the courage to face down a Banks-style mutiny?

Call me an extremist, but my vote is yet to be persuaded back into the fold. With a party as brain dead as its Victorian incarnation and as corrupt as the Photios-run abomination in NSW, just what is there to support? Cronyism, intellectual corruption, a craven cowardice at the prospect of being branded a denier by the ABC?

The only hope I can see is a Senate absolutely constipated with fractious crossbenchers who will hobble Shorten & Co's worst inclinations.

When Jefferson said "govern less, govern best" I don't think he had my preferred scenario in mind. Still, it's the best any of us can hope for and will have to do.

All the best for 2019. May it bring us all joy and riches.

-- roger