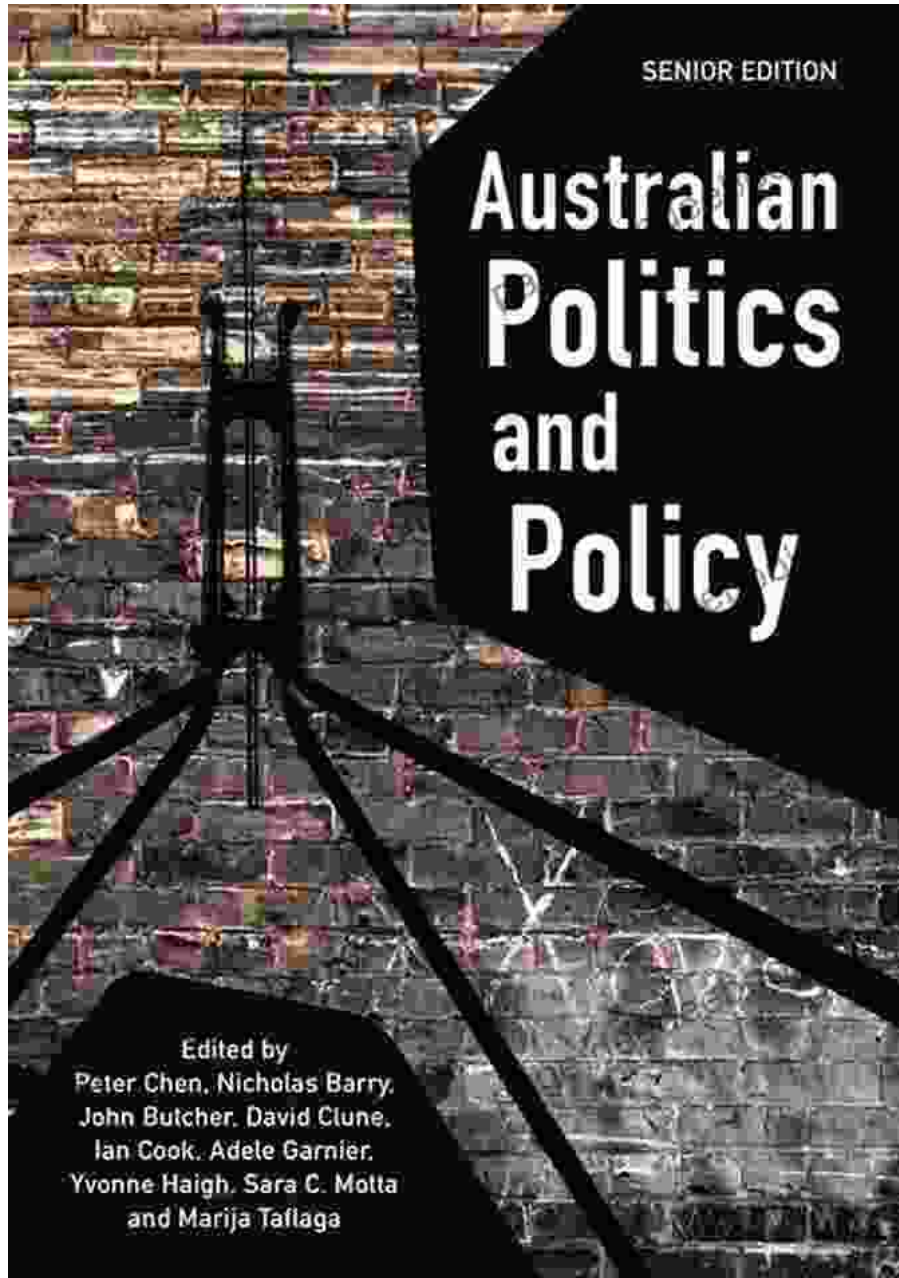


# The Longest Decade: A Journey Through Australia's Political and Social Turmoil



The 2010s marked a tumultuous decade in Australian history, a time of significant political and social change. George Megalogenis' "The Longest

Decade" offers a comprehensive account of this era, exploring the complexities and controversies that shaped the nation during those years.



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### Political Upheaval

The decade began with the election of the Labor government led by Julia Gillard. Gillard's tenure was marked by ongoing political instability, with challenges from her own party and the opposition. The subsequent rise of Tony Abbott and the Liberal government brought further turmoil, as the country grappled with issues of budget cuts, immigration, and climate change.

### Social Unrest

The 2010s also witnessed a surge in social unrest. The Gillard government's of a carbon tax sparked widespread protests, while the Abbott government faced backlash over its handling of asylum seekers and LGBTQ+ rights. These controversies fueled a growing sense of division and polarization within society.

### Culture Wars

The decade was marked by intense culture wars, with heated debates over issues such as free speech, political correctness, and the role of religion in society. These debates reached their peak during the same-sex marriage referendum in 2017, which ultimately legalized same-sex marriage in Australia.

## Climate Change

The 2010s also brought the issue of climate change to the forefront of public discourse. The devastating bushfires of 2019-2020 highlighted the urgency of addressing climate change, leading to calls for stronger action from the government.

## Economic Challenges

The decade ended with Australia facing significant economic challenges, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic caused widespread shutdowns and job losses, placing immense pressure on businesses and individuals alike.

"The Longest Decade" provides a thorough and thought-provoking examination of Australia's tumultuous journey from 2010 to 2020. Megalogenis skillfully weaves together political, social, and economic narratives to create a comprehensive tapestry of this transformative era. His book serves as an invaluable record and analysis of a time of great change and uncertainty in Australian history.

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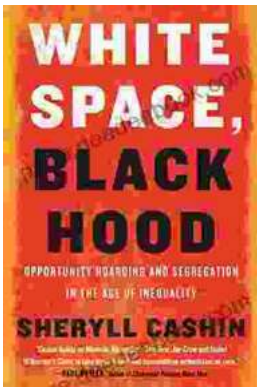


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