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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Wikipedia article: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Reith

Peter Keaston Reith was a Liberal member of the Australian House of Representatives from 1982 to 1983 and from 1984 to 2001 representing the Division of Flinders. Reith was born in Melbourne, Victoria and was educated at Monash University where he studied law. In 1990, Reith was elected deputy leader of the Liberal Party under John Hewson. He was replaced by Michael Wooldridge after the 1993 election. In the Howard Government, Reith served as Minister for Industrial Relations (1996 – 1997), Minister for Small Business (1997 – 2001), Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (1998 – 2001), and finally Minister for Defence from January 2001 until his retirement at the 2001 election.

References:

Parliament of Australia 'Hon Peter Reith MP' https://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Parliamentarian?MPID=W14retr... 18 March 2020

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Waterfront Reform 7 Benchmark Objectives April 1998

Pattern Bargaining and Industrial Action – Ministerial Information Paper May 2000

International Performance Indicators Waterfront Research Report 47 1993

Linder Shipping Cargoes and Conferences Report of the Part X Review Panel 1993

A framework for reform of Australian Shipping – Report by the Shipping Reform Group 1997

Tax Reform not a new tax – a new tax system The Howard Government's Plan for a New Tax System, August 1998

Reform of the Australian Taxation System - Statement by the Treasurer The Hon. Paul Keating, MP, September 1985

The Things that Matter Coalition Goals Supplementary Papers September 1994

Labor's 'Wealth' Tax threatens the unwealthy family, Peter Reith, 2nd Edition, November 1986

Unfair dismissal: *Impact on business and hiring intentions* A compendium of supporting materials. Peter Reith, November 1998

The continuing reform of workplace relations: Implementation of *More Jobs, Better Pay*, Peter Reith, May 1999

Planning in Victoria, Elaine V. Reith and Peter K. Reith, 1977

Protecting job opportunities for young people, Peter Reith, June 1998

Improving access and service delivery: administration of the AIRC and the Registry, Peter Reith, July 1998

19 February 1942, The bombing of Darwin Official Program of Commemoration 19 February 2001

Direct Democracy The Way Ahead Peter Reith, Autumn, 1994

The Case for Further Deregulation of the Labour Market. A research paper prepared by Des Moore on behalf of contributing members of the Labour Ministers' Council, November 1998

Policies for a Coalition Government. More Jobs, Better Pay A Stronger Australia

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'Liberal Party – Referendum M123A. 124A' [Audio]
'The Referendum Questions – Our Constitutional Crisis' Dr David Mitchell [Audio]
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Coalition Bulletin Special Edition 'Fightback! The Coalition's Economic Reform Package'
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'Commissioning of HMAS Warramunga' Saturday 31 March 2001
ACTU The Need for Fairness in the Workplace – ACTU Response to the Federal Government's 'The Reform of Workplace Relations-Implementation Discussion Paper March 1996'

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Commonwealth Department of Transport and Regional Development Consultancy Commission No.97/0733 'Consultancy for research advice on maritime and Stevedoring occupational health and safety issues' October 1997
Coopers & Lybrand 'WST or GST unravelling the key issues' Solutions for Business, 1991
