



FAST FACT!

Australia has had 30 serving Prime Ministers, with Julia Gillard as the first and only female-identifying Prime Minister to date. A significant 'first', Ms. Gillard became the 27th Australian Prime Minister in 2010, holding office until 2013.

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EPISODE TWO: 'IT'S COMPLICATED'

Cat works with her new friends to unmask the troublemaking Agitators. When special visitors come to school, she wants to make her voice heard.

1. When Cat threatens to take a public stance against her PM mother, Isabel anticipates a possible media response: headlines that claim, 'The female PM let her family problems interfere with her job.' Do you think gender bias exists in Australia? Is there gender bias within the Australian media? Document what you notice about a range of gender identities depicted in a specific media source, such as a television news report.
2. Media coverage in *The PM's Daughter* reflects the reality of media coverage in Canberra: we see multiple media sources reporting on or responding to the same event. How can we know which media sources are most trustworthy? Research, reflect on and document the ways we can think critically about media reports and assess their credibility.
3. Cat's class protests against RonduTech, the school's corporate sponsor with a poor environmental record. The cohort uses collective student voice to create change, resulting in Deputy Principal Tan seeking a more ethical source of funding. Explain three possible ways that you could use the power of your voice to create meaningful change in your school community.
4. In this episode, we see groups and individuals using different tactics to create change in their communities. Aunt Jacinta insists that her family's heritage be represented at the Lodge, Cat protests corporate polluter RonduTech and The Agitators launch an online auction stunt. What are some other ways that can we share our thoughts and opinions when we want to enact change?