

Inept Malcolm Turnbull has to go, for the sake of the Coalition and the country

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The title says it ALL. After forgoing the chance to call an early election immediately after he knifed Abbott in the back and his popularity ratings went through the roof, Turnbull FAILED to assess the nation's mood and the relief of the country over Abbott's demise. Of course the gross error in judgement is easily attributed to Turnbull's conceit stemming from his pathological personality flaw of [Narcissistic Personality Disorder](#) (NPD). Turnbull imagined he was God, and bathed in delusion completely oblivious to the fact that his American empty political style based on hollow unsubstantiated slogans and an undefined 'plan' would carry him through. However, AUSTRALIANS are NOT mindless, slogan susceptible yanks and the result is as was predicted, Turnbull FAILED monumentally, as indeed do all NPD sufferers. Australia cannot afford hugely flawed personalities and political dunces in the highest office in the land! Resign Mr Turnbull and save some face or be trounced by your own party.



Disconnected, delusional and inept, Turnbull

MALCOLM Turnbull has to go. Immediately.

If he won't resign, he has to be sacked by his party, or by the National Party refusing to form a coalition — in government or in opposition — under his leadership.

Turnbull's departure — not just from the Lodge but from parliament — is in the interests of the Coalition and of the country. We simply cannot afford, we simply cannot risk, a government that continues to be led by someone as monumentally inept, in political and policy terms, as Turnbull.

It is irrelevant whether the government manages to scrape back with a razor-thin majority or we are taken back to a 2010 future with a minority government.

Even with a (slim) majority government, he would be completely unable to function with the Senate mess that he has single-handedly created.

I wrote in April that Turnbull was a complete dud and that he would lose the election. It should have

been blindingly clear even then that he had stuffed up his (short) prime ministership and was on the way to creating a Senate catastrophe that will utterly destroy any prospect of significant Budget or structural reform.

He's lost either all or most of Tony Abbott's substantial majority. The far more devastating legacy is to make it impossible for any future Coalition government to get reform through the Senate, precisely when the need has never been more desperate.

We are now in a far worse position than in 2010. Back then the China boom was just gathering steam; now it is well and truly over. We've had six more years of big Budget deficits which have added over \$220 billion to our national debt. And there are big deficits as far as the eye can see. We now also face the consequences of the shock (to all those "clever" people) Brexit vote.

It's not Britain's departure from the European Union that's the worry, but the way the world's major central banks are printing money and keeping interest rates at zero, or indeed negative.

The bottom line is Turnbull is completely incapable of managing the policy, not just the politics, of these desperate times. He has to go and the time for him to go is now. It would be a disaster for both the party and the country for him to limp on uselessly for even another month.

If he had the slightest shred of self-awareness he would realise his position is completely untenable.

Failing that, you'd hope some glimmer of recognition of the impossibility of continuing as leader would filter into his brain.

But failing that, he has to be sacked. And immediately.

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