**COMMS 201, Week 10: Preparation for Press Conference and Final Essay**

**Bring to your week 10 tutorial rough drafts of the following in preparation for these two upcoming assessments.**

**NB:**

**Press Conference news article: 20%**

**Final Essay: 40%**

**Preparation for Press Conference (prior to receiving Collins’ Press Release):**

1. Rough background notes on Judith Collins:
* Is she an elected or list MP?
* What is her history? What she train for and work as prior to entering politics? How long has she been in political office?
* What were her former roles under the National Govt.
* What are her current roles?
* What is she the spokesperson for?
* What issues has she spoken out on during the current Labour government?
* What issues has she taken a strong line on during her time in parliament?
* What could be current or upcoming issues she may have an opinion on within her role in the National opposition?
* What position does she hold within the National party leadership?
1. Based on the information you have gleaned above from a quick internet search, write **THREE** questions you could potentially ask Collins at the Press Conference which would enable you to write a timely news article focused on a current political, social, economic or environmental issue.

You can adapt these questions once you receive the Press Release from Judith Collin’s

office prior to her Press Conference. We will assess these questions in the tutorial as to their relevance and design. You may or may not get a chance to ask her these questions at the Press Conference but they will provide you with a trial run on preparing for the PC.

**Also bring to tutorial:**

**Preparation for Final essay: rough draft of essay proposal**

**If you are undecided bring with you notes on two questions you are considering:**

**Aim:** To start thinking about and preparing to research and write your final essay – which is worth 40% of your course.

**Content of Proposal**

1. Select your question/s and list bullet points of the areas you will need to research to prepare for this essay
2. State in ONE sentence the hypothesis you will be developing to answer your chosen question.
3. Select TWO academic texts which you think will be a starting point for your reading for your topic. Write one paragraph of approximately 3-5 sentences which summarise these two texts and explain why you will be using them for your essay.
4. Write a timetable for the research, writing, proofing and delivery of your essay taking into account your assessment schedule across your other courses.

You will bring your essay plan to tutes each week to get feedback on your planning and research progress.

List any questions you need to ask your tutor which will help you prepare your topic.