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## FOR THE COMMON GOOD Reflections on Australia's Future By Bill Shorten

If you want to understand the next Prime Minister of Australia, this is essential reading.

In *For the Common Good*, Bill Shorten reflects on the values and beliefs that led him to devote himself to the labour movement and stand for the nation's highest office. He looks back on the emphasis on education and social justice in his childhood in suburban Melbourne, and his many years spent empowering tens of thousands of Australians in workplaces across our continent.

Shorten examines the rapid pace of change in our modern world and offers a way forward that enables all Australians to adapt, seize new opportunities and preserve the Australian way—a prosperous society unshakeably committed to fairness. He argues that the key to unlocking a new century of national progress is in building a renewed common good between workers, businesses, governments and the community, from our cities to the regions.

In this thoughtful narrative, Bill Shorten provides a unique insight into how a Labor government will shape Australia's future for the better, for all Australians.

**Bill Shorten** is the Leader of the Labor Opposition in the federal Parliament. He was born and raised in Melbourne, and is a proud Victorian. After completing secondary school at Xavier College, Bill graduated from Monash University in arts and law. Bill also holds an MBA from the Melbourne Business School. Having joined the Australian Labor Party at university, Bill worked as a lawyer at the firm Maurice Blackburn Cashman after finishing his studies.

Bill became involved in the labour movement in 1994 when he began work at the Australian Workers' Union as an organiser. Passionate about getting a fair deal for Australian workers, Bill became the AWU's Victorian Secretary and then National Secretary. Bill was also a director of Australian Super before entering Parliament in 2007. Bill served as a parliamentary secretary and as a cabinet minister in the Rudd and Gillard Labor governments.

Bill lives in Maribyrnong with his wife, Chloe and their three children.

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