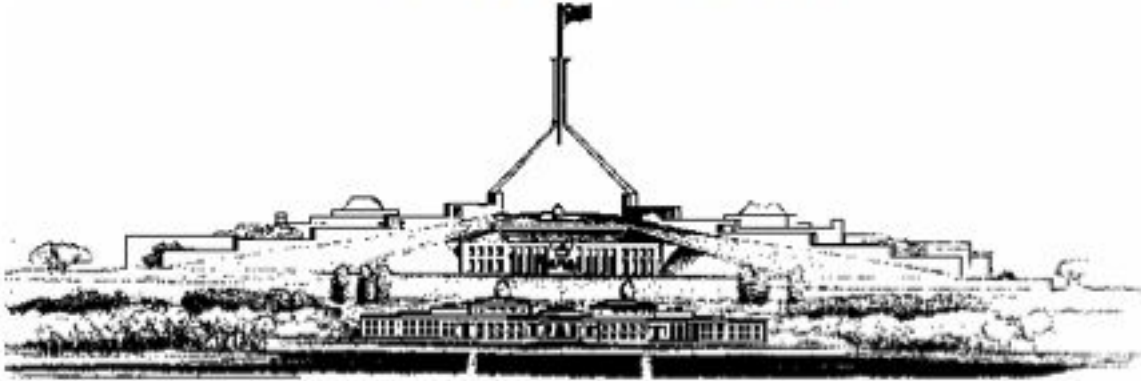




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**Mr TED O'BRIEN** (Fairfax) (13:55): The 2023 GI Challenge is well underway. Run by Generation Innovation, the GI Challenge unleashes the innovative genius of young entrepreneurs who want to take an idea all the way through to a commercial reality. It does so by clearing away three key challenges that young people face: they lack business experience, a business network, and capital to get their ideas off the ground. For the young entrepreneurs, the GI Challenge is free. That's because of the generosity of sponsors and a team of mentors and subject matter experts who volunteer their time, along with a first-class board of directors ably led by Zoe Sparks and supported by a terrific project manager.

Today I want to say good luck to this year's GI cohort: to Millie with Bin Buddy; to Milan with Coastal Design Studio; to Kaila with Eco-Savers; to Laura with Forever Alive; to Liv with Ocean Ears; to Ryan with Pelleatponics; to Evangeline with Sleep Saviour; to Arno and Charlie with Solbot; to Stella with Sunwrite; and to Jack with Swim Safe. Together, these young entrepreneurs are unleashing their innovative genius, and in doing so they're going to change the world for the better. Good luck.