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Excess Deaths

Senate investigation

By **SENATOR RALPH BABET**

On 26 March 2024, the Australian Senate finally voted in favour of investigating factors contributing to excess mortality in 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Since the very first day that I was elected as a Senator for Victoria I have been seeking answers as to why so many of my fellow Australians are dying.

It took five attempts to convince my colleagues in the Australian Senate that a spike in the number of Australians dying was worth investigating.

Perhaps their reluctance was due to other priorities. Our political class fully intended to look at excess deaths amongst their fellow Australians, just as soon as they'd erected a few more wind turbines and installed some more solar panels on prime agricultural land.

Or maybe their lack of curiosity was just bloody-minded politics. After all, deceased people don't vote. Why spend weeks looking into an issue for which there would be no thanks at the ballot box?

I suspect the real reason behind the complete lack of curiosity was fear; fear that an inquiry into excess deaths might open a Pandora's box of uncomfortable questions and that the findings may demand that those responsible be held to account. Many of these people are still in power today.

Why, for the past few years, have there been so many excess deaths for which there seems to be no adequate explanation? What's going on?

Since 2021, more people have been dying than expected in our nation. You'd have to go back to the horrors of World War Two to find as many excess Australian deaths as we experienced in 2022. And the phenomenon of excess mortality has continued into 2024.

While others were prepared to dismiss excess deaths as just one of those things that happens from time to time, while arguing about whether

people on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) should be able to charge the taxpayer for sex workers – I could not.

And so, after two years of petitioning my incurious colleagues, I finally convinced enough of them – 31 to be exact – to hold an inquiry.

For the record, 30 Senators voted against the idea. Every Labor and Greens member present voted against it.

My relief at finally being able to hold an inquiry was tempered by the shock that Labor and Greens senators were not only disinterested but opposed to investigating a medical emergency taking place right under their noses.

If there was a sudden uptick in the number of koalas dying, you'd be killed in the stampede of Labor and Greens senators wanting credit for an inquiry.

If we ever get to the bottom of excess deaths, we need an inquiry into why so many politicians elected to represent the...

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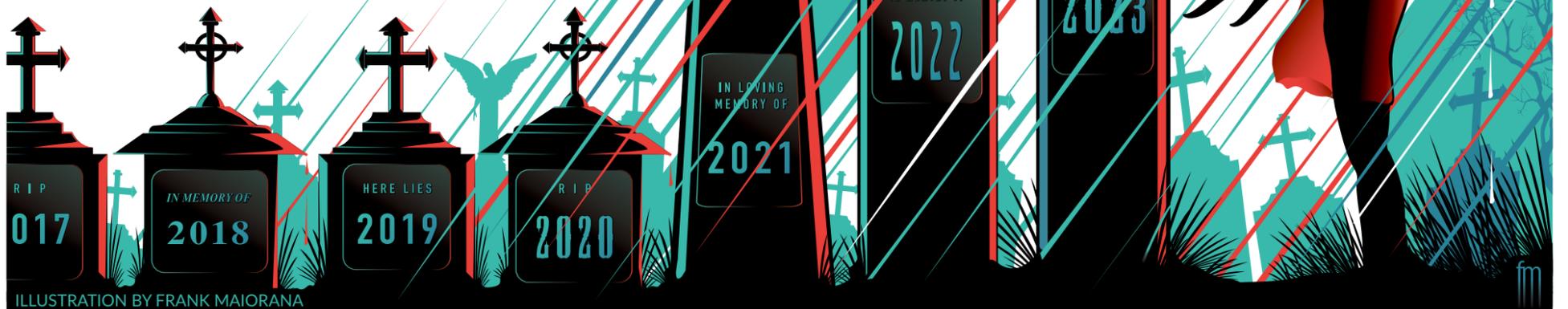


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...Australian people appear determined to do anything but represent the Australian people.

Getting senators to agree to an inquiry was only half the battle.

The Senate insisted the public would be given less than four weeks to make submissions on what was literally a matter of life and death. I managed to negotiate an extension to this date and the submissions came flooding in.

The committee allocated just one day for public hearings – before all the submissions had even been uploaded to its website.

I suggested dozens of expert witnesses and multiple days of hearings, but the committee – sticking to that old truism that you should never ask a question you don't already know the answer to - decided that most witnesses should be from government, government funded or government affiliated organisations.

The committee allocated five full days for public hearings into Menopause, but just one day to excess mortality. Just six hours of testimony for more deaths than we've seen since World War Two!

Despite all of this, the public hearing was powerful and raised many questions.

While many want to put excess deaths down to Covid-19, the truth is that not all these deaths are due to Covid-19, far from it.

The inquiry, held 13 June 2024, heard that deaths from Covid had made almost no difference to life expectancy in Australia.

Did we really shut down our nation for two years to ward off an illness that appears to have made only a negligible difference to life expectancy?

The inquiry heard that only 702 of 17,276 deaths (4.06 percent) where Covid was listed on the death certificate were from Covid alone. In other words, almost 96 percent of people who died from Covid had pre-existing chronic conditions.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics confirmed that the median age of death for people recorded to have died 'from' or 'with' COVID-19 is 87.3 years. Yet the life expectancy at birth for an Australian was 81.2 years for males and 85.3 years for females in 2020-2022.

Covid was clearly not the bogeyman so many have painted it to be.

But how do we explain excess deaths? And why have excess deaths continued long after the pandemic and with most of the population vaccinated?

Did I just say "vaccination"? It remains the thrice jabbed elephant in the room.

The inquiry heard powerful testimony from people who had suffered terribly from vaccine injuries though grateful to live to tell the story to senators who shifted uncomfortably in their seats.

But no testimony was more explosive than that of Dr Jeyanthi Kunadhasan from the Australian Medical Professionals Society (AMPS).

She told senators that a peer reviewed paper had found there were undisclosed deaths during the Pfizer Covid-19 trial, deaths that raised serious questions as to the safety of the vaccine and its ongoing effect on the health of many Australians who were coerced into taking it.

Could the vaccine explain the

sudden uptick in excess mortality? I don't know for sure, but we need to find out.

And might this very question explain the reluctance of Senators who had to be dragged, kicking and screaming, into holding an inquiry where it could even be asked?

As a result of the inquiry, the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare have opened a door for further inquiry.

They have committed to allowing academics and research organisations to apply for access to data from the Australian Immunisation Register as well as data on deaths so that there can finally be an investigation into what role vaccination might have played in the excess deaths we are now seeing.

While the Senate committee will release its report in August, the ability for academics to do more research (if granted access) will likely be the greatest triumph of the inquiry.

I would not presume to pre-empt what the research might uncover, but the fact we had to fight so hard to win the right to even have a single day of public hearings in the first place is telling.

Although this short inquiry is coming to an end, the issue of excess deaths is persistent and those of us who are brave enough to go wherever the evidence leads, will keep fighting for truth and justice for all those who have died.

May God bless you and our nation.

■ **Senator Ralph Babet**
 - Senator for Victoria
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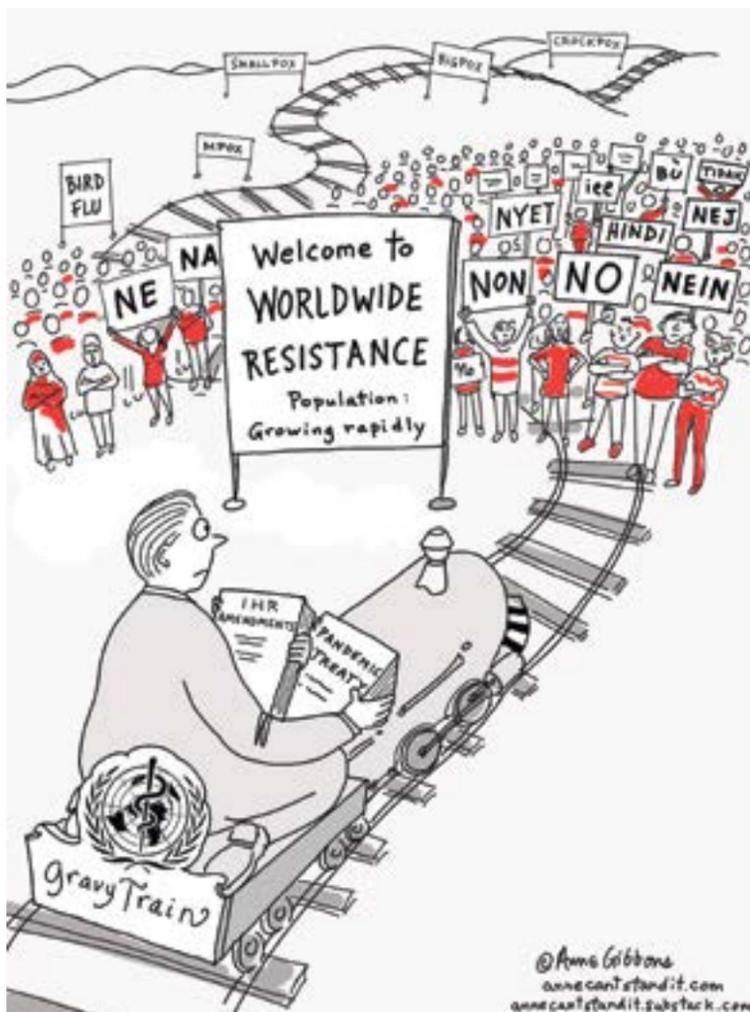


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Assange's Release

A press release from
ASSANGEDEFENSE.ORG

From London to Bangkok to Saipan to Canberra, Julian Assange arrives home a free man.

Upon his release from Belmarsh prison [in the United Kingdom] on June 24th, following a plea deal agreement with the US government, Julian Assange boarded a plane to Bangkok and then to Saipan Island, a US overseas territory, where a hearing to formalise the plea deal took place.

"It appears this case ends with me here in Saipan", said Judge Manglona before whom Julian's plea deal was presented. "With this pronouncement it appears you will be able to walk out of this courtroom a free man. I hope there will be some peace restored."

At a press conference after the hearing concluded, Julian Assange's US attorney, Barry Pollack, further explained the terms of the plea deal.

"Mr Assange was not going to agree to any dispositions in the case that required him to accept allegations that are simply not true. Mr Assange did not plead guilty to and would not plead guilty to 17 counts of the Espionage Act, computer hacking... there was a very narrow agreed upon set of facts here, and Mr Assange acknowledged that, of course, he accepted documents from Chelsea Manning, and published many



Image by Micha Elriset

of those documents because it was in the world's interests that those documents be published. Unfortunately, that violates the terms of the Espionage Act. That's what we acknowledged today."

Pollack stressed that the chilling precedent is set by the US prosecution itself: "What sets a chilling precedent is the prosecution, the fact that the US elected to charge Mr Assange with violating the Espionage Act. The court today determined that no harm was caused by Mr Assange's publications, we know that they were quoted by every major media outlet on the planet, and we know that they revealed important

information. That is called journalism. The US prosecuted that. They exposed Mr Assange to 175 years in prison. That is what has a chilling effect."

Julian touched down safely in Canberra, Australia, around 8pm local time, and was welcomed by his family, his wife Stella, his

father, John Shipton and scores of supporters.

At a press conference upon the arrival of Julian and his lawyers, his Australian solicitor, Jennifer Robinson, conveyed how important was the support Julian had from the Australian Prime Minister and the government.

In a moving speech upon Julian's arrival, Stella Assange thanked Australian PM Albanese, government officials, opposition politicians and the Australian people, as well as millions of people around the world who tirelessly worked to secure his freedom. She asked for understanding, space and privacy as Julian recuperates. She also recognised that the breakthrough in negotiations came at a time when there had been a breakthrough in the legal case, that is when the UK High Court had allowed permission to appeal in which Julian would be able to raise the First Amendment argument.

"It is in this context that things finally started to move. I think it revealed how uncomfortable the United States government is, in fact, of having these arguments aired... the fact that this case is an attack on journalism, it's an attack on the public's right to know and it should never have been brought."

Julian Assange's UK lawyer, Gareth Pierce, in a rare statement for the press, said that the Assange case "has exposed major fault lines – not just within the US/UK extradition treaty itself, but in respect of human rights protections in both countries previously thought to be absolute. The responsibility for addressing their manifestation in one extraordinary experience demands a continued commitment even though the legal case, happily, has now ended."

■ *This press release was originally published 26 June 2024 by [assangedefense.org](https://assangedefense.org/press-release/julians-release/) at <https://assangedefense.org/press-release/julians-release/>*

"this case is an attack on journalism, it's an attack on the public's right to know and it should never have been brought." Stella Assange

Candace Tours Australia & New Zealand 14 – 22 November 2024

Candace Owens is set to commence her Australian & New Zealand tour in sync with the US Presidential general election scheduled for November 2024.

Candace Owens, a conservative political commentator, activist and author burst onto the political scene in 2017 with her first YouTube video, and gained prominence in the conservative sphere after founding the "Blexit" movement to encourage Black Americans to leave the Democratic Party.

In a world full of safe spaces, her 3.2 million subscribers tune in for the uncensored truth as she typically covers the most pressing political and cultural issues. Candace has become a household name for her



Photo courtesy of Candace Owens

fearless criticism of movements like Black Lives Matter, her skepticism about the impact of racial politics and her opposition to COVID-19 lockdowns and vaccines.

"If we learned anything from the last few years, it's that first they call you a conspiracy theorist, then they begrudgingly agree that you were right," Candace Owens says. "I'm coming down under to discuss everything they want you to believe is a conspiracy—including how they want Westerners to hate their home countries and Christianity. This tour is going to discuss everything they don't want you to talk about."

Join Candace for an

"The most controversial thing I've ever done was to decide to think with my brain instead of my skin tone."

electrifying evening, experience firsthand her intellect and fearlessness, as she lights up the stage across Australia and New Zealand, 14-22 November 2024.

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A Hopeful View from Cell 22

By **JERRY ROBERTS**

■ *Jerry Roberts is a Western Australian journalist.*

Monica Smit begins her book, *Cell 22*, by thanking her tormentors for making her a famous political prisoner.

“Compliments to Victoria Police,” she writes, “and Dictator Dan (Daniel Andrews) for the great story.”

With this display of verbal jujitsu, Monica Smit shows the spirit that has made her a leading figure in the Australian and international freedom movement.

Since her return from Europe, the founder of Reignite Democracy Australia (RDA) has been driving around the country with her parents giving long lectures in the cities and towns promoting her slogan – we are ready.

Ready, that is, for whatever malicious bag of tricks our corrupt governments and corporations let loose on us as they pursue the Covid project to its bitter end, the subjugation of what is left of the human race.

In May, Monica and her mother spoke to a packed church hall in the Western Australian wheatbelt town

of Wongan Hills. Her speech to an audience including townspeople and farmers was generally upbeat and concluded with some practical advice to freedom campaigners picked up from her activism here and overseas.

“Be respectful,” she told us, referring to the many different cultures across Europe united in their opposition to the totalitarian goals of the Covid project.

“Don’t be scared. With their power and resources, we are not going to stop them trying.” Here she was referring to the string of measures proposed by the globalist establishment, such as digital ID.

“They will try but that does not mean they are going to succeed.”

“Talk to people,” she advised us, advocating face to face contact rather than reliance on heavily manipulated internet social media.

In her most optimistic view, she identified two groups of people who she predicted will swell the numbers at the next round of protest rallies against the next bombshell from the power centre.

The first group are people who were awake from the outset of the Covid project in 2020 but did

not step up and join the freedom campaigners. Many of them now regretted their earlier reluctance and would be there next time.

The second group are people who have woken up more recently as the toll of deaths and injuries from the Covid shots can no longer be concealed and the lies and cover-ups are exposed.

“From party girl to political prisoner” is the sub-title to Monica Smit’s book. It is a down-to-earth account of a young woman’s journey from childhood to the worldwide political stage.

The youngest of five children, Monica was raised in a strict, Latin Mass Roman Catholic community. An interesting aside that warrants further study is her observation that the Latin Mass community was awake and agreed with her on most political issues.

“I think it’s because we are used to being bullied, discriminated against and have found comfort outside the status quo”

To this day she remains grateful for having been brought up within the Latin Mass and the Society of St Pius X (SSPX). “Rome is constantly trying to put conditions



Photo by Monica Smit

on us or manipulate us into recognising Vatican II and its changes...We refuse!”

At her Wongan Hills lecture she stressed the key element of timing in her arrest and imprisonment. The gaol sentence followed her refusal to sign bail conditions that would have imposed a vow of silence on this inspirational young leader of the resistance to Victoria’s police state.

This was just a few weeks before the injection mandates. It is another chilling reminder of the worldwide planning and coordination of the Covid project.

In three weeks of solitary confinement the prisoner in Cell 22 had plenty of time to think and write and her reflections are some of the highlights of this highly

readable book.

“Freedom is hard and not everyone wants it. I used to think it was a no-brainer, thinking of course everyone wants freedom but that’s not true because freedom can be terrifying.

“Freedom means that you can’t blame anyone for your decisions. You must be accountable and take responsibility and not everyone wants that burden.”

Not everyone is willing or able to give the total commitment that Monica Smit has given to the freedom struggle, a point she emphasised in her Wongan Hills speech, but everybody has a set of skills and can take part.

■ *Cell 22 is available only at <https://monicasmit.com>*

Dark Day for Democracy as Military Whistleblower David McBride Imprisoned

Press release from **HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CENTRE**

Civil society groups have expressed grave concern and alarm after military whistleblower David McBride was sentenced to almost six years imprisonment in the ACT Supreme Court on Tuesday [14 May 2024].

McBride leaked documents to the ABC that formed the basis for the broadcaster’s landmark Afghan Files reporting, which showed credible evidence of war crimes committed by Australian forces in Afghanistan. The reporting was subsequently confirmed by the Brereton Inquiry. McBride had argued he was immune from prosecution under federal whistleblowing law, but withdrew that defence in 2022. He then argued that the offences he was charged under contained a public interest element; after that was rejected by the trial judge, he pleaded guilty in November 2023.

On Tuesday, McBride was given a sentence of five years and eight months, with a non-parole period of two years and three months. McBride is the first whistleblower to be imprisoned in recent memory in Australia. Witness K, who exposed Australia’s

spying against Timor-Leste, was given a suspended sentence; the prosecution of his lawyer, Bernard Collaery, was dropped by the Attorney-General, Mark Dreyfus KC, after the Albanese Government took office. Tax office whistleblower Richard Boyle will face trial in September. Whistleblowers play a vital democratic role by exposing government wrongdoing and corporate misdeeds. The civil society groups expressed concern that future whistleblowers will stay silent if they are worried about being prosecuted, and wrongdoing will stay hidden as a result.

Kieran Pender, Acting Legal Director at the Human Rights Law Centre, said: “This is a dark day for Australian democracy. The imprisonment of a whistleblower will have a grave chilling effect on potential truth-tellers. Our democracy suffers when people can’t speak up about potential wrongdoing. There is no public interest in prosecuting whistleblowers.”

Rawan Arraf, Executive Director at the Australian Centre for International Justice, said: “It is a travesty that the first person imprisoned in relation to Australia’s war crimes in Afghanistan is not a



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“And even if I go to jail, I’m going to jail with my head held high and I won’t let you down.” David McBride 21 October 2022

war criminal but a whistleblower – the person who leaked documents to the ABC that enabled important public interest journalism. The case has significantly undermined Australia’s commitment to implementing the findings of the Brereton Inquiry.”

Peter Greste, Executive Director at the Alliance for Journalists’ Freedom, said: “Press freedom relies on protections for journalists and their sources.

Australia recently dropped to 39th on the global press freedom index, and it is cases like this that undermine the freedom of the press in our country. As someone who was wrongly imprisoned for my journalism in Egypt, I am outraged about David McBride’s sentence on this sad day for Australia.”

Rex Patrick, former Senator and founder of the Whistleblower Justice Fund, said: “The Albanese government has failed in its commitment to protecting whistleblowers. This prosecution began under the Coalition government, but it has continued under this one. Mark Dreyfus should hang his head in shame – a whistleblower is going to jail on his watch, when he had the power to stop this injustice.”

Professor AJ Brown AM,

Griffith University and Chair at Transparency International Australia, said: “This outcome confirms how broken, and badly implemented, our federal whistleblowing laws are.

Despite the illusion of justice, David McBride never got his fair day in court, because his internal disclosures about political mismanagement of the Afghan campaign were never properly handled, and the federal government then made it impossible for him to properly raise this in court, in his own defence. Reform is needed to ensure this kind of disastrous travesty can never happen again.”

Jeff Morris OAM, banking whistleblower, said: “Our nation’s whistleblower laws are a legal quagmire and fail to protect people who are risking everything to reveal the truth about wrongdoing. Rather than encouraging brave truth-telling in response to wrongdoing, our country imprisons the truth-teller. It is a travesty.”

■ *This press release was originally published on 14 May 2024 by the Human Rights Law Centre at www.hrlc.org.au*

What Really Happened at the WHO (and WIPO!)?

By **JAMES ROGUSKI**

■ *James Roguski is an author, researcher, activist, and advocate for natural health who specialises in delving into complex issues and translating the information into easily understandable language to encourage action.*

While many people around the world were distracted and confused by what seemed to be the failure of the World Health Organisation (WHO) to reach agreement prior to the 77th World Health Assembly, did you know that a treaty signing ceremony was held across town in Geneva at the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) on Friday, May 24, 2024?

The new WIPO treaty will require the disclosure of the country of origin of genetic resources used in any patent application. The WIPO treaty seemed to break up a logjam in the negotiations at the WHO which resulted in a last minute agreement to adopt amendments to the International Health Regulations.

On Saturday June 1, 2024, the 77th World Health Assembly DID adopt amendments to the International Health Regulations and also agreed to extend the negotiations of a new "Pandemic Agreement" for at least one full year while leaving open the option of holding a special session of the World Health Assembly if consensus can be reached on the proposed "Pandemic Agreement" before the end of 2024.

The Amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR)

During the WHO negotiations, not one word was ever spoken or written calling into question the failure of, and the damage caused by lockdowns, social distancing, travel restrictions, mask mandates, fraudulent use of the RT-PCR as a diagnostic test, adverse events

caused by drugs such as Midazolam and Remdesivir or the obvious failures and harms caused by the so-called COVID-19 "vaccines."

In order to truly comprehend the amendments that were adopted, it is very important to understand the terms "global public goods" and "vaccine apartheid."

"Global public goods" are products that are available in practically unlimited supply.

"Vaccine apartheid" describes the primary purpose of the negotiations, which was to ensure equitable access to pandemic related products for low and middle income nations who did not have the manufacturing capacity to provide unlimited access to masks, diagnostics, drugs and jabs. In the final negotiations, cell and gene-based therapies and other health technologies were added to the list of "health related products."

The core lesson that was learned by the participants in these negotiations was that "Big Pharma" was NOT big enough. Their desire is to make pharmaceutical products available in unlimited supply around the world.

The solution that was agreed upon was to create a "Coordinating Financial Mechanism" to facilitate a massive transfer of wealth in order to build manufacturing and distribution capacity on a geographically distributed basis. Articles 13, 44, 44bis and 54bis set the groundwork for a scheme to transfer an unlimited amount of financial resources without defining the details regarding where the money would be coming from, to whom it will be given or what the priorities are to be. The amendments also completely fail to set up any type of requirements for auditing this massive wealth transfer which will enable massive conflicts of interest and corruption.

In short, we can expect to see a massive buildup of the infrastructure of the



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Pharmaceutical Hospital Emergency Industrial Complex including mRNA manufacturing, biological laboratories to do genetic sequencing, and a massive effort to expand "prevention surveillance" (Annex 1) to locate and profit from pathogens with pandemic potential.

In addition, amendments to Article 24, Article 27 and Annex 4 implemented changes that would enable nations to enlist "conveyance operators" (travel companies) to facilitate the implementation of their public health policies "on board as well as during embarkation and disembarkation." This expands every nation's already existing authority under Article 31 to "compel the traveller to undergo... medical examination... vaccination or other prophylaxis... isolation, quarantine or placing the traveller

under public health observation."

The head of state of every member nation may invoke Article 61 of the IHR and REJECT the 2024 amendments to the IHR by officially notifying the WHO via a letter of rejection submitted before April 2024. As an example, the nations of Iran, Netherlands, Slovakia and New Zealand rejected the 2022 amendments to the IHR. Concerted effort around the world is needed to make such rejection a reality.

The Pandemic "Agreement"

Contrary to many overly optimistic reports that have been circulating through the alternative media, the "Pandemic Agreement" was NOT defeated. The 77th World Health Assembly "Decided... to extend the mandate of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body... to finish its work as soon

as possible, and submit its outcome for consideration by the 78th World Health Assembly in 2025, or earlier by a special session of the World Health Assembly if possible in 2024."

The "Pandemic Agreement" seeks to incentivise and reward the search for pathogens with pandemic potential by setting up a WHO Coordinated Laboratory Network to submit genetic information to the Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing (PABS) System, leading to the development of highly profitable products to be provided through the WHO Global Distribution and Logistics Network.

Of great concern is the fact that the "Pandemic Agreement" is structured to be a framework convention, much like the Framework Convention On Climate Change. Adoption of such a framework convention would set up an ongoing Conference of the Parties that would meet on a yearly basis to adopt protocols in a manner that would occur largely without public input and outside of public scrutiny.

Summary

The WIPO treaty seems to have settled the disputes regarding intellectual property, and the amendments to the IHR seems to have settled any disputes over financing.

Far from being the victory that has been claimed by many activists, the WIPO treaty and the amendments to the IHR were adopted, and the "Pandemic Agreement" seems to be on a fast track for adoption before the end of 2024.

Now is NOT the time to claim a false victory as many have done. NOW is the time to reinvigorate our opposition to Big Pharma's control over the WHO and over our own governments.

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AstraZeneca Withdrawn from Global Market

By **SCOTT JOHNSON**

■ *Scott Johnson is an independent Western Australian journalist.*

On 7 May 2024 the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine "Vaxzervria" was officially withdrawn from the global market.

The company cited commercial reasons for its discontinued use however, safety concerns had arisen soon after its approval with unusual blood

clots reported in some vaccinated individuals. This led to the suspension of its use in numerous countries, and it is noted that BBC presenter Lisa Shaw (age 44) reportedly died from complications of this vaccine in May 2021. In Australia, Vaxzervria received initial approval by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) on 15 February 2021 however, the European Medicines Agency later acknowledged

links between this vaccine and a rare, potentially fatal condition known as thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome, characterised by blood clots and low platelet levels. An association with Guillain Barré Syndrome was also identified.

On 16 February 2023 at a Senate Estimates hearing Senator Alex Antic questioned the (then) head of the TGA about the deaths of two Australian children, aged 7 and 9 who died from heart attacks

soon after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Dr. John Skerritt replied, "I would have to take on notice the dates they reported those individual cases to the database of adverse event notifications. As I've said before, we have almost 1,000 reports of deaths temporally around the same time as COVID vaccination, of which 14 have been determined to be related to COVID vaccination."

Globally the issue of COVID-19 vaccines has come under increased

scrutiny with Robert F. Kennedy Jr reporting in June 2024 that attorney generals of five US states – Texas, Utah, Kansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana are suing the pharmaceutical giant Pfizer for fraud concerning safety and effectiveness of their vaccines. In Australia the Senate voted on 26 March 2024 to investigate the spike in excess deaths that began with the 2021 nationwide vaccination rollouts.

Australia's Energy Future

By **DR ALAN MORAN PhD**

Dr Alan Moran PhD is a noted economist, previous Director of the Deregulation Unit at the Institute of Public Affairs 1996-2014, senior official in Australia's Productivity Commission and Director of the Commonwealth's Office of Regulation Review.

Andrew Forrest, a climate alarmist who controls the giant Fortescue group, has finally been forced to bow to commercial reality and abandon hydrogen as a future source of energy. Fortescue has reportedly lost \$2 billion in pursuing this will-o'-the-wisp.

Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, under the spell of Chris Bowen, his Climate Change and Energy Minister, continues to pursue the illusion that hydrogen can provide cheap, safe and reliable energy. In an attempt to remodel the nation's energy supply system, the government is requiring taxpayers and energy consumers to spend some \$16 billion a year on renewables and hydrogen. But reality will surely soon prevail in the hydrogen myth – just as it did forty years ago when converting water into hydrogen was championed by then Queensland Premier, Jo Bjelke-Petersen.

That leaves the field contesting Australia's future energy supply comprising wind and solar; coal and gas; and nuclear.

The notions that wind and solar are the cheapest forms of energy is the official government line. It is held despite the fact that to compete, these energy forms need ever increasing subsidies. Subsidised solar forces a commercial coal plant to operate inefficiently and unprofitably, leading to its closure – we have already seen a dozen of the 60 reliable and firm power delivering coal units in Australia being forced to close.

Work at the Center of the American Experiment shows that once all costs are included, electricity from coal costs \$51 per megawatt hour, from gas \$40-137 with nuclear at \$55. Wind comes in at \$405 per megawatt hour and solar at an eye watering \$704. Solar is more than ten times the



cost of coal, nuclear and gas.

Wind and solar are innately unreliable. The need to firm-up their intermittent supply makes them the most expensive and least dependable energy source. Wind droughts and periods of limp sunlight mean that the only value these energy sources have is a saving on fuel costs. But that saving is dwarfed by the extra costs of renewables – fuel comprises only 5 per cent of the cost of nuclear or coal generators' power. To provide reliable electricity, we need to virtually duplicate any wind and solar supplies with dispatchable power (gas, coal, nuclear or hydro).

For climate worriers, supporting nuclear should be a no-brainer. Not only is it dispatchable and therefore reliable, but it has a safety record comparable to that of renewables and produces even less greenhouse gas per megawatt hour.

The Coalition, fearful of being labelled "climate deniers", has now embraced a nuclear future. While not as cheap as coal in eastern Australia, nuclear is much cheaper than wind/solar. It may be the cheapest source of electricity in South and Western Australia where there is no cheap coal.

The Commonwealth Government recognises the Coalition's pro-nuclear stance

as a threat to its renewables agenda. It would also see it as problematic for many of its financial supporters, especially the union-controlled superannuation funds, which are deeply invested

88-2 in support of a bill to promote new nuclear power by severely reducing the regulatory impediments that have plagued the industry over the past 20 years. Energy Secretary, Jennifer

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in wind and solar facilities. It has launched a propaganda campaign about nuclear safety, which is clear hypocrisy in view of its own sponsorship of floating nuclear power plants in submarines. The government's propaganda is also coming unstuck with reports of a welcome to nuclear plants in areas where it is envisaged.

Moreover, with delicious irony, on the very same day as the Opposition's announcement backing a nuclear future, the United States Senate voted

Granholm, formerly a firebrand pro-renewables politician, has called for hundreds of new nuclear power stations (the US has just 94 at present).

The Opposition has had a long road to its Damascene conversion on nuclear – it was John Howard who, succumbing to green pressure, banned it as an Australian power source in 1998. But Howard and his ministers had an excuse. In 1998, nobody in Australia would have been under any illusion that nuclear generators, with regulatory

excesses and activists' opposition already causing cost escalations, could compete with electricity generated from the nation's virtually unlimited low-cost coal supplies.

However, critics of the policy, like Minister Bowen, are right in saying that nuclear (and the same is true of coal) is a poor complementary power source to intermittent wind and solar. Wind and solar, being weather dependent, need support from supplies that can be rapidly switched on and off and which have a relatively low fixed cost. The high capital cost of coal and nuclear – and even more so batteries – make these too expensive as reserve power sources. Such a role is best performed by gas. But supplies of gas are scarce and expensive in eastern Australia due to government regulations on exploration and government funded activist imposing costs through "lawfare".

Mr Bowen has put a cost of \$387 billion for a nuclear-fuelled Australia in response to which, the Westinghouse Electric Company senior vice president Rita Baranwal quipped, 'I only have three engineering degrees and that math doesn't make sense to me,'; she put the cost at \$110 billion. Mr Bowen has refused to put a cost on his renewables-only policy, but it would be at least \$3 trillion, even if it were feasible, and leave us one third poorer.

Notwithstanding government support for all things green, fossil fuels (with uranium) have powered modern day living standards. And oil, coal, gas and nuclear will power increased living standards for those countries where governments do not regulate them out of the market. Sadly, Australia under present policies, cannot be among those success stories. Hopefully, if Mr Dutton prevails at the next election, Australia will buy time to come to a sensible energy policy founded on coal with some nuclear.

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For the Love of Dazelle

By **MICHAEL GRAY GRIFFITH**

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Dazelle Peters, 17 years old, tragically passed away in hospital on Monday 10 June 2024 after a long fight with leukemia. Dazelle had been rejected for a potentially life-saving lung transplant because she had not been vaccinated against COVID-19.

If money is your God, then this family was poor, but if love is your gauge, then her family was rich.

Dazelle, their oldest child, had drawn a difficult fate, yet when we met her, she was tackling tragedy with courage, grace, and the mature wisdom of many critically ill children; her mind was as sharp as her wit, but then the innocence of her youth was also apparent. She had yet to have her first kiss and was yearning to go back to Timezone. She was like an old soul, in a young body, and that body was failing.

She was so weak. After coming down to the street to check out our bus, she collapsed and had to be carried back inside by her father, Josh.

Here, she spent her time, between hospital admissions, drawing birds, turtles and flowers, using all these bright colours; hues from a healthier life, a life she couldn't see from her armchair, where she sat in her warm coat, connected to the oxygen that was keeping her alive.

When she was twelve, she'd lived on a farm, riding motorbikes and playing rugby with her three younger brothers. Then, Dazelle was diagnosed with leukemia after she took the Gardasil vaccine.

This was the beginning of her incredibly painful journey.

A bone marrow transplant would cure the leukemia, but then the donor's DNA began attacking Dazelle's lungs, mistaking them for an infection. It was so relentless that soon Dazelle's only hope was a double lung transplant.

To be suitable for the bone marrow transplant, she'd had to retake all her childhood vaccinations, but to get on the transplant list for her new lungs, she'd have to take four COVID-19 vaccinations. Now, the world would hear of Dazelle, because this softly

spoken, sick young girl, said 'No'.

Without the transplant her death was all but assured, so why not take the risk? Lots of people had taken it without any side effects, so why wouldn't she take it? Were her parents anti-vaxxers?

In a desperate attempt to get the hospital to relent, her parents had reached out to the media who weren't interested, so Dazelle's father, Josh, then contacted the alternative media. This was why we were here.

In his first online interview, Josh let us know that his family was in dire straits. Following the meeting with the transplant doctor, where they were given the ultimatum, Dazelle, was now depressed and preparing for the end, having been stuck in her room for four days.

But during our conversation, Dazelle agreed to come on the live interview, and share with us her remarkable dream.

Months prior, Dazelle had been placed in an induced coma. Her parents had been informed that she would not survive, but as they grappled with this news, Dazelle was walking in a place where there was no pain. She was tired, and the sky was full of shooting stars. Finally, she came to an illuminated bridge. On the other side, silhouettes of people were kindly calling her across, so she went to join them, only to be stopped by a man with long hair, who rested a hand on her shoulder. He told her that he didn't want her to cross the bridge; instead, he wanted her to go back.

She now woke up, and after the tubes were removed from her mouth, she asked her overwhelmed mother, 'Who was Ely or Elo something?' This, she claimed, was the name of the man in her dream.

This interview would be the first of many that would see Dazelle become a symbol for both sides.

For the compliant, she was the delusional child of cooker parents, who were against vaccinations, they were prepared to watch their daughter die. For the non-compliant, she was a young woman holding on to her right to choose what went into her body.

We were here now, to ascertain which was true.

I asked her why she wouldn't take it, and if it was her parents who were influencing her?

She told me it was her decision.



Photo top left by: The Peters Family; top right and bottom by: Michael Gray Griffith

Now, despite an army of people praying for her, even in Japan people were praying for her, Dazelle is gone.

In her reasoning, she had taken everything that they had offered her up to now, and that she had reacted badly to everything. Now, a strong intuition was advising her not to take this, and she was listening.

Later, I would ask her again if she'd changed her mind. I told her it wasn't an issue, and if she had changed her mind, let's do it. But

once again, she said no. Though this time, I could see she deeply understood the enormity of her decision, as could her parents, who continued to respect her decision. That said, I believe both would have taken her to get vaccinated, had she changed her mind.

If Covid had been as deadly as initially claimed, and/or, if the vaccines had been safe and effective, then all this story would have needed, to be resolved in the favour of life, was some calm advice from reasonable heads. Instead, because we were all trapped in a crazy time, this story descended into the fear driven insanity of a religious war.

One side worshipping the miracle of mRNA vaccines. A religion whose believers were now morally prepared to punish heretics, like Dazelle. And our side, who the other side called a cult. Were we? Or could we see that if the circumstances were different, Dazelle could have been/ be our

daughter? Or could we simply see that Dazelle was a young woman, a gift, and why would we, as a nation, risk losing such a precious gift, because she wouldn't tick a vaccination box?

When the jabs were being rolled out, twelve-year-olds were allowed to take it without their parents' consent, or knowledge, and socially that was ok, but here, a seventeen-year-old young woman was not allowed, in their eyes, to refuse. People believed her parents should force her to take them, and because they wouldn't, they were being savagely attacked.

Here lies a difficult question. Why would someone, who had, questionably, spent time on the outskirts of heaven, a young woman, now on her third chance at life, and desperate to live, decide not to take the vaccine? A decision she knew was a death sentence.

Despite my time with her, I can't answer this.

But the real question is ours.

The decision to not allow Dazelle on to the list was not made by God, or the hospital, it was made by doctors.

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If Dazelle had been allowed on the list, she knew that she was so weak that she could have died on the operating table. But she told me that she was ok with this. That she would rather die fighting to live, than waiting here to die.

The next time I met Dazelle, she was trying to grow a jewellery business from her hospital bed; making bracelets out of coloured beads that we, and many others, were helping to market. She was determined to help her family with the financial burden of her care.

Her last wishes, beyond surviving, were to visit her beloved Timezone, and to feel the sunshine on her face again. Shamefully, our lucky country was unable to grant these two simple wishes.

Why?

This is a question we should all have to answer.

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Global control an

By **SENATOR MALCOLM ROBERTS**

This article is adapted from a speech by Senator Roberts, spoken at the Environment and Energy Forum, Dee Why RSL Club on 2 June 2024.

Every major climate and energy policy in this country was introduced by the Liberal National Party. Every one of them. Labor then came in and ramped it up. Australia once had the world's most affordable and reliable energy and now household electricity costs have trebled.

The debate on net zero has devolved into a debate about the details. This will only increase support for campaigns opposing the massive industrial wind and solar projects encroaching on the doorstep of regional Australia, the impact of which is killing our nation.

But who is to blame for this situation? Every major climate and energy policy in this country was introduced by the Liberal National Party only to be subsequently ramped up by Labor.

Australia's energy costs are among the highest in the world, despite being the largest exporter of hydrocarbon fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas. While other countries benefit from our resources, we can't seem to do it. Low and affordable energy is vital for human progress and economic competitiveness, impacting all sectors of the economy. When energy prices rise, the cost of goods and services increases across the board.

Our competitive advantage once lay in attracting aluminium smelters into the Hunter Valley due to its cheap coal. Now, those smelters are shut down. Just 170 years ago, we used whale oil for lighting at night and later coal became the whales' best friend by replacing whale oil. We also used to rely on trees for heating and cooking, but coal, oil, and natural gas have taken over those roles and as a result, hydrocarbon fuels have become the forests' best friends. Today there is 30% more forested area in developed continents compared to 100 years ago and polar bears are doing fine.

The high cost of energy is killing disposable income and lowering living standards. This is hurting families and households, costing jobs that are going to China, where we export our coal and import solar and wind components. This situation is driving investment from our

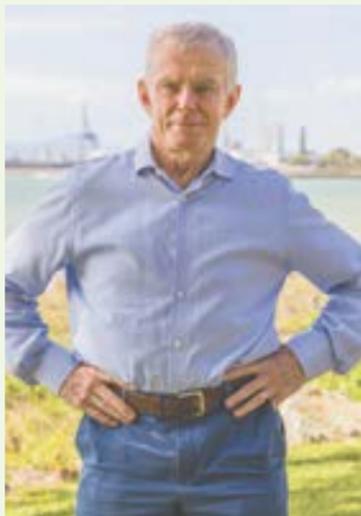


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country, damaging manufacturing and agriculture, and killing innovation. It's killing our future, security and lifestyle. We are killing the environment in an effort to save it!

The man responsible for the basic solar and wind projects we see today was John Howard and his government. He introduced the national electricity market, destroying our electricity sector. He introduced the solar and wind renewable energy targets and was the first to adopt a policy on carbon dioxide emissions trading.

It was John Howard who also stole farmers' property rights to comply with the United Nation's Kyoto climate protocol back in 1996. Six years after being voted out of office, having laid the

Barnaby Joyce accepted. Senator Ian McDonald from the Liberal Party in Queensland told me back in 2015 (and I've seen the speech) that Senator Matt Canavan once gave a speech advocating for reducing carbon dioxide from human activity.

When people like this, who were once sceptics and openly admitted it, change their stance, it destroys the credibility of the climate realist movement. It destroys truth. Fortunately, with the exception of Howard, who remains agnostic and refuses to take responsibility for his actions, Senator Matt Canavan and Barnaby Joyce are now aligning with our perspective. David Littleproud, the leader of the Nationals and a committed globalist, is pushing for funding of carbon dioxide "farming", which is immoral. We're now prematurely closing coal-fired power stations, claiming that large quantities of solar and wind will supposedly replace them.

Some large solar and wind turbine complexes are not even connected to the grid, yet they are collecting money because they're supposed to be producing energy. Eraring Power Station in NSW will no longer be shut down as of next year. On the first night of the Minns' government taking power in New South Wales, on election night, the incoming energy minister announced they would reconsider closing Eraring Power

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groundwork for the destruction of our energy sector, he gave a public lecture in London where he admitted to being agnostic on the topic of climate science, acknowledging that he lacked scientific evidence. Yet, he implemented all those policies in the name of science.

Barnaby Joyce was initially the strongest voice against the climate fraud. Then in 2016, Malcolm Turnbull, as Prime Minister, gave his electorate, New England, New South Wales \$400 million to build wind turbines, which

Station. They knew about this and yet still continued their pretence of funding the net zero agenda.

As expensive as wind and solar are now, the real cost is only beginning to reveal itself. We haven't yet seen the full picture – the pumped hydro station mega project – Snowy 2.0 in NSW initially had a budget of \$2 billion, which has ballooned to \$14 billion and is likely to reach \$20 billion. We said this from the start.

The net zero transition is a complete mess. We haven't even begun to address the transmission



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lines, which will incur enormous costs. We're looking at 15,000 kilometres of transmission lines crisscrossing Australia to transport power from sunny and windy areas to cities where it is needed. 15,000 kilometres of environmental devastation, carving out a 75m wide path through national parks, remnant forests and productive farmland. What a disgrace – and an act of environmental vandalism.

All of these policies were introduced by the Liberals and then Labor takes over, intensifying the effort, turbocharged by the Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

I have held them accountable. They have admitted to me that they have never claimed there is any danger from carbon dioxide from human activity. They stated that temperatures

are not unprecedented. Yet we are constantly told that the globe is warming with unprecedented temperatures. No empirical scientific data or logical scientific points to support this claim have been provided.

We are facing climate fraud, not climate change. CSIRO is now producing GenCost (a net zero economic report) which is filled with fraudulent numbers and bogus assumptions to make solar and wind energy look good.

We have seen no specific effects of human carbon dioxide on any climate factor – be it temperature, ocean temperature, snowfall, rainfall, severe storms, or anything else – ever.

You cannot formulate a policy without it being based in actual science because, without understanding the effects of what you're blaming (carbon dioxide), you cannot track the effectiveness

Climate Scam

and wealth transfer



Western Australian fisherman says no to wind turbines. Photo by SCORPION MEDIA GROUP

Climate Change is nothing but climate fraud. We are funnelling obscene amounts of money – billions of dollars – into the pockets of parasitic billionaires, while simultaneously destroying our economy to the tune of trillions of dollars.

of your policy. We are essentially flying blind, with the 'ministry for madness', led by Blackout Bowen, (Chris Bowen, Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy) steering us off a cliff. This outcome can be attributed to Liberal/National Party policies – that's the reality.

Not only is there no scientific basis for their policies and no way to measure their effectiveness, but there is also a lack of cost benefit analysis. They are attempting something unprecedented without any evidence to support their approach. Other countries have seen that increasing reliance on solar and wind power dramatically increases prices and reduces reliability.

Climate Change is nothing but climate fraud. We are funnelling obscene amounts of money – billions of dollars – into the pockets of parasitic billionaires, while simultaneously destroying

our economy to the tune of trillions of dollars. When you look at the life cycle of these renewable energy sources, just 15 years, it is clear that we are not only destroying the quality of life for current Australians but also for generations to come. We are subsidising foreign corporations, including the Chinese government, to install these monstrosities that are literally destroying our environment.

Hydrocarbon fuels granted us independence from nature. Coal, oil, natural gas and nuclear energy share a remarkable quality: high energy density. This provides low-cost energy, boosts productivity and wealth, reduces the cost of living and increases the standard of living.

For 170 years, until 1996 when John Howard came to power, we had experienced the benefits of this high energy density and resource efficiency. Power stations

can generate all the power needed, requiring a small footprint to generate that power. This results in reduced use of minerals and land, with a significantly higher energy output.

To illustrate, consider the amount of steel needed per megawatt of energy capacity. A coal-fired power station requires 35 tonnes of steel, whereas a wind turbine needs 546 tonnes for the same energy output. Considering the intermittency of wind, its low energy density, and production limitations, the overall cost of wind energy is much higher. Solar energy, meanwhile, demands an enormous amount of land.

Now consider the low-capacity factor of solar and wind energy, which averages around 23% of the nameplate capacity (or intended output). This means that over a 24-hour period, a 1MW (megawatt) wind or solar plant will only produce 230 KW (Kilowatt) of electricity. This limitation is because solar panels can't generate electricity at night or when it's overcast (when the sun doesn't shine), and wind turbines require consistent wind. To achieve the same electricity output, you would need four times the nameplate capacity, meaning you would need 4 x 1MW of generation to produce 1MW.

Even worse, the majority of this generation occurs during the day, which means during morning and evening peak hours, industrial wind and solar are only generating around 10% of nameplate capacity. Consequently, you would need ten times the amount of generation to achieve the expected electricity output.

In contrast, coal or nuclear power plants can reliably generate electricity at their full capacity, meaning you only need 1MW of generation to actually get 1MW of power, with some allowance for maintenance. Importantly, this approach does not require the destruction of the natural environment.

Consider the capital cost of this massive overbuild. This aspect is largely overlooked. Coal-fired, nuclear, hydro, and gas-fired power stations have a small footprint and are typically located relatively close to metropolitan areas, resulting in lower transmission line expenses for both construction and maintenance.

In contrast, solar and wind are scattered, leading to significantly higher transmission costs and

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increased maintenance expenses. These installations disrupt farming, rural communities, and the natural environment because they are dispersed widely.

The dispersed nature of solar and wind energy not only increases transmission costs but also, when factoring in their low-capacity factor and the need to build extra capacity, up to ten times more, the overall costs become extremely high.

Transmission costs previously accounted for approximately 49% of electricity costs. However, the current breakdown of electricity costs is far from clear, making it difficult to determine the current share of transmission costs.

Backup batteries to store and distribute electricity from daytime generation to evening and morning peak periods will add tens of billions to the overall costs. There are approximately \$40 billion in large scale pumped hydro projects proposed or under construction, further increasing costs. Gas-fired power stations are also being considered as backup, essentially resulting in two forms of power generation in case the primary source fails.

This situation is absurd and nonsensical. The instability of solar and wind energy stems from their asynchronous nature, while coal, oil, natural gas, hydro, and nuclear energy sources are synchronous and inherently stable. Solar and wind's instability leads to increased complexity of management and more breakdowns. It's like going back 170 years to when our energy was dependent on the weather.

As Henry Kissinger stated years ago – whoever controls energy, food, and money controls the nation. With the current trajectory, they are on the way to controlling all three.

Most importantly, hydrocarbon fuels have been the greatest driver of human progress and lifestyle improvements throughout history, significantly enhancing standards of living. This progress is now at

risk of being smashed, with human progress being the biggest loser.

One Nation embraces coal and nuclear energy, with the cheapest option prevailing.

We possess 25% of the world's uranium reserves and approximately a century's worth of thermal coal. Although coal is still cheaper than nuclear energy, the need to discuss both options is required. We should lift the ban on nuclear energy.

Additionally, we must address the national electricity racket, which has become a bureaucratic nightmare that unfairly favours wind and solar energy. This system allows bureaucrats to set prices rather than letting the market determine them, leading to a situation where consumers are being conned.

I'll conclude with one final point. The late Professor Bob Carter, a wonderful paleoclimatologist, once remarked to me that this must be the biggest scam ever. I replied, "Bob, it's not even close." The primary issue here is the anti-human agenda, aiming to control humanity. We are facing an anti-human apocalypse, staring right down the barrel of it.

One Nation believes in the primacy of affordable energy. We advocate for honest, practical solutions based on data to address this issue. The Uni-Party, consisting of both Liberal and Labor, must be called out because they are the ones pushing this agenda. Together, they are working towards a global plan of control and wealth transfer, and it's the people who pay the price.

Australia has the world's best resources, people and climate. We have the capacity to excel in mineral resources and agriculture.

All we need is a government that believes in Australia's potential.

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Man Who Imposed the World's Longest Lockdown Awarded Australia's Top Honour

By **REBEKAH BARNETT**

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In Australia, you can preside over human rights abuses, you can run the healthcare system into the ground, you can authorise police violence on citizens, you can blow billions on cancelled infrastructure projects, and you can name-call from the bully pulpit – and we'll give you an award for it.

Australia's two most aggressive Covid-era premiers, Daniel Andrews (Victoria) and Mark McGowan (Western Australia), have been awarded the nation's top honour, the Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) on the 2024 King's Birthday Honours Roll.

Only six Australians received the top honour, which signifies "eminent achievement and merit of the highest degree in service to Australia or to humanity at large".

Andrews received the award for "eminent service to the people and parliament of Victoria, to public health, to policy and regulatory reform, and to infrastructure development".

McGowan received the same award for "eminent service to the people and Parliament of Western Australia, to public health and education, and to international trade relations".

Awarding the Companion of the Order of Australia to these two former premiers renders the honour system essentially meaningless – no more than a pat on the back for occupying a top position during hard times.

Daniel Andrews, also known as 'Dictator Dan' for his strongman style of leadership during the pandemic years, left a legacy of brutality, debt and corruption after stepping down as Victorian premier in September last year.

Mark McGowan, who resigned from the Western Australian premiership in June last year, is often credited with 'keeping Covid out' with his prolonged hard border closure, but WA hospitals buckled during this time, concurrent with the vaccine rollout and record-high adverse event reporting.

Another Covid worst-offender honoured on the King's Birthday is former Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) boss

Daniel Andrews 48th premier of Victoria 2014-2023



Mark McGowan 30th premier of Western Australia 2017-2023



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Professor John Skerritt, who has been appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) on the COVID-19 Honour Roll.

As head of the TGA, Skerritt oversaw the rushed approvals of the Covid vaccines, which are associated with unprecedented rates of adverse event reporting, and which are contaminated with high levels of plasmid DNA. On Skerritt's watch, the TGA effectively banned the use of ivermectin at the height of the pandemic until the majority of Australians were vaccinated, after which the ban was lifted.

Skerritt is named as a respondent in a Covid vaccine injury class action, which filed in the Federal Court last year. The action alleges that Skerritt's

"negligence" and "misfeasance" led to the approval and use of vaccines that did not meet the critical safety and efficacy requirements, resulting in death, serious illness and serious injury of Australians, of whom over 1,000 are represented in the action.

After exiting their pandemic-era roles, Andrews, McGowan and Skerritt have all moved on to cushy private-sector jobs. Andrews has reportedly taken the 'billionaire career path', teaming up with WA mining billionaire Andrew Forrest to sell 'green' iron to China. McGowan has branched into consulting on international trade and mining. Skerritt has switched teams from regulator to regulated, taking up a role on the board of Medicines Australia,

Australia's peak body representing the pharmaceutical industry.

Recently, Victoria appointed Australia's first 'Parliamentary Secretary for Men's Behaviour Change' to address what is widely viewed as a national 'masculinity crisis' by "focus[ing] largely on the influence the internet and social media have on boys' and men's attitudes towards women and building respectful relationships".

Yet, this is what our political class teaches Australia's young men (and women):

- Abusers get awards
- Never say sorry
- Blame everyone else for your failures
- Bullying is okay
- Violence is an appropriate way

to solve disagreements

■ Mates club over merit
The old saying goes, "actions speak louder than words".

We could have an entire Department of Secretaries for Men's Behaviour Change, and every former Premier could be awarded with top honours for showing up to work. But unless our political class cleans house, Australians will continue to view them with the contempt and distrust they deserve.

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■ *See also Covid vaccine injury class action: covidvaxclassaction.com.au*

Some of Andrews's greatest hits include:

- The world's longest Covid lockdown, keeping Melburnians under house arrest for just over 260 days.
- Setting Victorian Police onto peaceful protesters, who were beaten, pepper sprayed, shot at with rubber bullets, and arrested on charges of incitement.
- Two people set themselves on fire to protest Andrews's vaccine mandates and passports.
- Trapped thousands of low-income Melbourne residents in public housing flats under armed guard for weeks. The Victorian ombudsman found that the Government had breached human rights, but Housing Minister Richard Wynne flipped it off, stating, "We make no apology for saving people's lives."
- Blew \$1.1 billion for cancelling Melbourne's East West Link road project and \$380 million on compensation for cancelling the 2026 Commonwealth Games.
- Cultivated a culture of corruption, secrecy and outright lying, brushing off scandal after scandal and never apologising.
- A hotel quarantine bungle that resulted in 800 deaths. After being pinned to the wall over it, Andrews did eventually apologise for this one.

McGowan's greatest hits include:

- 697-day nightmare border closure, separating families and resulting in suicides of despair.
- World's toughest and most punitive vaccine segregation rules, excluding the remaining 1-2% unvaccinated from the economy, society and access to services they paid for with their taxes
- Adverse event reporting shot up to 24 times the usual rate with the Covid vaccine rollout, with 57% of adverse events requiring treatment in the emergency department or hospital admission.
- Tanking the hospital system. Ambulance ramping doubled in 2021 – at a time when there was almost zero Covid in the state, but there were record-high adverse events reported in relation to the Covid vaccines. In the same year, the tragic and preventable death of seven-year-old Aishwarya Aswath occurred due to under-staffing at Perth Children's Hospital.
- School-yard bully name-calling, labelling his critics "anti-vaxxers," "misfits" and "losers", and telling them to "grow a brain".
- Gross mismanagement of pandemic spending, including a budget of \$3 million on tests blowing out to \$580 million (enough to fund two hospital redevelopments). Many tests ended up being binned.
- An international scandal of fraudulent gold doping at the Perth Mint (this fell under McGowan's portfolio as Treasurer).
- As expected, WA experienced the pandemic when the borders opened – two years after everyone else. WA's 'independent' pandemic review declared the McGowan Government's pandemic response a great success, but provided no empirical evidence to support this conclusion (unless you count forcibly mass-vaccinating the entire population and prolonging the pandemic for years as the sole measures of 'success').

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Why George Orwell's 1984 is More Relevant than Ever

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George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four* is one of the pillars of modern Western literature and culture. It is also widely, and perhaps even deliberately, misunderstood.

In the 21st century, so many elements of *Nineteen Eighty-Four* have been adopted into popular culture and the public vocabulary (Big Brother, the Thought Police, Doublespeak, 'Orwellian') that they are almost invisible and ubiquitous. What is often forgotten (or perhaps deliberately obscured) is that Orwell wrote of the totalitarian forces of his time, not just the murderous apparatchiks of the Soviet Union and communist Spain, but even those of 'democratic' England and the United States. The totalitarian nightmare of *Nineteen Eighty-Four* is not the impossible, futuristic hell-scape smugly presented by our global media,

education systems and academia, but the barely concealed leviathan of George Orwell's 1940s reality and, perhaps even more so, our current international and political landscape. As he declared soon after the book appeared: "Don't let it happen. It depends on you."

In the early morning of the 12th August 1939, George Orwell stumbled out of bed to an insistent pounding on the front door of the Hertfordshire cottage he shared with his wife Eileen. It was a raid.

Unbeknownst to Orwell at the time, his mail service was monitored and a letter the writer and journalist had sent to Paris publisher Obelisk Press had been intercepted,

**"If you want a picture of the future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face forever."
George Orwell**



Book cover art by Distant Mirror Richard Grant

precipitating the dawn raid.

Also generally unknown, even to this day, is that ever since the Boer War of the early 20th century, there had been a system of mass covert surveillance and censorship in place in England. Originally justified to curtail talk of the horrors of British concentration camps, the mail system (and eventually the telephone network) were closely monitored (and censored)

in a programme under the Official Secrets Act. Later, the programme was expanded to cover 'seditious' or 'offensive material' in the same manner in which all such bureaucracy grows (and never contract).

In the 21st century, the smug protectorates of the legacy media, academia and the professional and political classes declare George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four* to be self-evidently misguided, a quaint, paranoid false alarm, a dusty neurotic novelty. Systemically forced upon disinterested school children as part of a deceptively framed and defanged canon, 'irrelevant' ideas chained to a dull classroom ritual.

Meanwhile, duplicitous edifices like the BBC (and Australia's ABC) have every reason to ignore and deflect Orwell's savage satire of the propagandist's lair. Over-superannuated professionals and a rotten political caste have every reason to diminish their own putrid stench.

The 2013 Edward Snowden revelations (of vast and immutable mass surveillance) and the 2020's delirious rush to bio-security totalitarianism speak loudly

otherwise. Alternative journalists have described a hidden yet omniscient 'Industrial Censorship Complex' that allies vast military and corporate networks to control online political and social landscapes through ubiquitous censorship, surveillance and psychic driving. Decades-long projects have created pejoratives like 'anti-vaxxers', 'conspiracy theorists' and 'right-wing extremists' to disqualify dissidents and heretics from the public conversation.

While the pot of 'boiling frogs' may well have indeed been simmering for many decades, today's 'Caligula class' of big-tech overlords and bio-terror billionaires have raised the 'heat' to an unbearable degree.

Remember...

"Don't let it happen. It depends on you."

■ *The above is an edited extract from David Thrussell's Introduction to the newly released 'Nineteen Eighty-Four: The Definitive Edition'*

■ *Find the book: <https://adistantmirror.com>*

Democracy Empowers the People

A book review by **JERRY ROBERTS**

Jerry Roberts is a Western Australian journalist.

Democracy does not exist in today's world, but it is useful to know what it would look like if any State decided to attempt its reconstruction.

In his book, *Democracy Demokratia*, Western Australian author Tim Damianidis takes us back to the definitive democracy of the Greek City State of Athens in the years 300 to 500 BC.

In a democracy the people are the government. Full stop. Where the word democracy is qualified by another word, such as representative democracy or social democracy, it is not democracy. It is something else.

Representative democracy is oligarchy and Australia is a good example. Fewer than a third of the electorate voted for the Australian Labor Party at the May 2022 election yet today's Labor Government is pushing through the Parliament the most dangerous legislation in our country's history.

Tim Damianidis has written a serious book of philosophy taking

readers through the essentials of ethics, justice, political theory and religion. The 467 pages are lifted by unequivocal statements and remarkable comments on today's world.

"Democracy places the entirety of political power and authority on the people..."

"If we believe that, one day, humanity in its meekest form, not wild, rebellious and anger-filled but ethical and righteous, will inherit the earth, then there is no other system to achieve this.

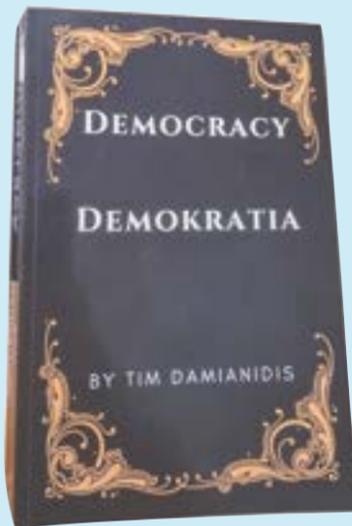
"Democracy is the only system that inverts the pyramids of power and places the average human at its pinnacle and base at the same time."

One of several incendiary insights into today's world is the writer's interpretation of globalisation.

"The push for so-called globalised and unified markets works against the philosophies and ideologies that founded democracy.

"In many ways globalisation is a barbarian concept similar to the early Roman concept of dominating by bloodshed for peace..."

"The democratic system is about the preservation of identity



and individuality while the people preferring globalisation and uniformity or empire are antagonistic to the democratic State.

"Where one sees equality as being equally subservient, democracy deems people to be equally free."

For this reviewer one of the most urgent messages the author brings us from ancient Greece is the need for balance between the socio-economic classes.

Here he draws on Aristotle's analysis of the Athenian polity and its five classes of clergy,

military, agrarian, merchants and technical people.

"The issue of socialism, capitalism and communism is redundant within a democracy as these systems ideologically construct a purpose beyond the democratic principle that all classes are equal.

These economic models can only exist within the context of an autocratic or oligarchic system..."

"It is of paramount importance to never let any class become more influential than another."

When interviewed about his years of researching the book, the author selected two highlights – the defining of democracy by comparison with alternative systems and the effectiveness of sortition in controlling corruption.

The author names Socrates, Plato and Aristotle as the most significant contributors to the study of government and analyses Aristotle's three types of government – monarchy, aristocracy and democracy.

These are the rule of one, the rule of the few and the rule of many and the issues of quality that come with these systems.

In sortition, citizens are chosen

by lot (random selection) to serve in various jobs for specific periods. In other words, people take turns to do jobs. They do not become permanent cogs in a bureaucratic machine. They do not have time to become entrenched in the power structure as we see in today's political and corporate world.

This method of selecting jurors at random from a pool of citizens persists today in our law courts.

Its widespread use in Athenian democracy kept the system honest.

Key factors in the success of classical democracy included the seriousness attached to citizenship and the widespread participation of the people in affairs of State.

"Democracy is such a fragile thing," writes Tim Damianidis, who concludes his ambitious book by warning that the skills of operating a government can be lost like the languages from ancient times and we have an obligation to perpetuate the knowledge of what democracy means.

■ *Tim Damianidis' website: <https://hoplites.com.au>*

■ *Book available on Amazon at <https://www.amazon.com.au/dp/0645796956> or <https://amzn.asia/d/2gbdaR0>.*

WA Police Fires Unvaccinated Cops Two Years After Covid Mandates Were Dropped

By **REBEKAH BARNETT**

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Morale is at an "all-time low" as the force struggles with recruitment and retention.

Two years after the Covid mandates ended, the West Australian Police Force has fired nearly twenty unvaccinated police officers and public servants for refusing to get the jabs.

A legal challenge against the mandates, brought by WA Police officer Ben Falconer and staff member Les Finlay, had previously secured an injunction preventing the force from firing unvaccinated staff until the matter had been settled in the courts.

However, a Supreme Court ruling that then WA Police Commissioner Chris Dawson's Covid vaccination directive was "valid and lawful" brought an end to the injunction in April. WA Police announced the resumption of disciplinary action against 17 affected employees immediately after the hearing, with all 12 police officers and five staff having now been sacked.

Falconer was the last to be formally notified of his dismissal, on 28 June, for disobeying the Commissioner's vaccination directive. Despite no prior history of disobedience, Falconer refused the jabs due to his concerns over the safety and efficacy of the Covid vaccines, and the way in which mandates violated the bodily integrity of officers and staff.

While Deputy Commissioner Allan Adams said that Falconer's dismissal was "regretful," Falconer maintains that refusing Covid vaccination is the "best decision I've ever made." Falconer, a Senior Constable who served in the force for 15 years, says that the sacked police officers had over 150 years of policing experience combined.

The firings come amid staffing shortages and low morale, with WA Police turning to overseas recruitment to prop up its frontline forces.

In April this year it was reported that WA Police was well short of its target of recruiting 950 new front-line officers by mid-year, with only 450-500 having signed on.

Opposition leader Libby Mettam (Liberal) said that in the past four years, there has been a "mass exodus of police with nearly

1000 officers resigning" from the roughly 7,000 strong force.

Police Commissioner Col Blanch admitted that the force saw a "significant" reduction in police numbers after the Covid pandemic, with 570 officers leaving the force in 2022 of which 473 resignations and 97 retirements.

WA Police was asked to provide comment along with up-to-date recruitment, resignation and retirement figures, but did not respond prior to publication deadline.

The Labor Government has blamed market forces for WA Police's struggles with retention and recruitment, however survey data collected by the WA Police Union in 2022 showed that 77% of staff exiting the force claim poor work culture and dissatisfaction with management as their reasons for quitting.

"Australians have a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws."

Ben Falconer

11 October 2022

Another Union survey of members conducted in 2022 found that morale in the force is at an "all-time-low," with almost two thirds (64.6%) of respondents describing morale as "poor." This is more than double the 28.2% who said the same in the last poll, in 2017. None of the 1,966 respondents described morale as "excellent."

A majority of respondents complained that their workload had increased, and half or more complained of fatigue, management problems, unpaid overtime, and rostering issues.

Nearly three quarters (71.4%) of respondents said they'd used the WA Police mental health services, with 36.6% of service users reporting their experience was "very negative" or "negative."

Public sector census data obtained under Freedom of Information by the Liberal opposition showed that in 2023, less than half (47.1%) would recommend their agency as a workplace, compared to almost 70% for the public sector overall.



Ben Falconer



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Some of this discontent appears to be driven by the force's Covid response. In an unauthorised survey of WA Police staff initiated by former officer Jordan McDonald, who resigned over vaccine mandates, employees said they felt "bullied" into getting vaccinated and complained about resources being diverted away from traditional policing towards the state's Covid response.

In 2022, WA Police began an international recruitment drive to fill vacant front-line positions, with the aim of recruiting 750 officers from the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and New Zealand over a five-year period. WA Police has also been creative with its recruitment campaign at home, appealing to lonely hearts on hookup app Tinder.

The WA Police Union said it supports the overseas recruitment drive but characterised it as a "band-aid solution."

"It's only a matter of time before these new recruits obtain permanent residency and become familiar with the many cultural

and organisational issues in WA Police," the Union said in a media statement.

The WA Police Union was approached by unvaccinated members for assistance with their industrial action resisting the mandates, but Falconer, who was a member, says the Union's response was "hostile." The Union also declined to provide information and comment for this article.

Unvaccinated WA Police staff had been on paid leave since the Covid vaccine mandate came into effect in December 2021 until their recent dismissals, an arrangement that Falconer has called "fiscally irresponsible."

In an essay posted to social media platform X, Falconer said that the South Australian Police Force responded to the situation better. Unvaccinated SA Police officers were allowed to use accrued leave until the mandates dropped, after which they were allowed back to work "without ever being stood down and no disciplinary action taken whatsoever," he said.

"I could have been back at work from June 2022 [when the mandates were dropped] and there were plenty of administrative tasks that could have been done with remote access to police systems if allowed to work from home," said Falconer, who said he informed WA Police more than 30 times of his willingness to return to work.

Former police officer of 27 years Lance French, who was also fired this month for not complying with the Police Commissioner's 2021 Covid vaccination directive, said that he too had informed WA Police numerous times that he wanted to return to work since the mandates were dropped.

Now that his two-and-a-half-year legal fight has come to an end, Falconer said that he will take some time out to consider his next career move.

French expressed gratitude for the support of his wife, family and colleagues, opining on social media that while "the trajectory we are heading (as a society) is not good," he was appreciative for "the legislative and judicial structures enabling our lawful challenge of Commissioner Dawson's... draconian order to undergo a medical procedure."

WA Police officers and staff are not the only Australian workers still experiencing repercussions from the Covid mandates, even after most of the public have well and truly moved on.

In January of this year, Queensland Health was criticised for continuing to discipline and fire healthcare workers for failing to comply with vaccination directives issued in late 2021.

More than 50 unvaccinated firefighters remain banned from returning to work in Victoria despite critical staffing shortages, and mandates remain in place for some nurses, midwives and doctors around the country.

The Australian state and territory governments' coercive Covid vaccination mandates have come under fire recently with AstraZeneca's admission that its vaccine can cause deadly blood clots, and with mounting vaccine injury claims.

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(More) Power to the People

By **STEVEN TRIPP**

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'If you were Prime Minister for a day, what would you do?'

It is one question that makes my skin crawl. It is like fingernails being dragged across a blackboard. I understand the intention, but a Prime Minister acting alone should not have the power to be an all-powerful dictator ruling over us. The question shows a lack of understanding of how our system is meant to operate. Our Constitution enforces checks and balances, evidently in the form of separation or powers, in which the legislature, executive and judiciary have divided responsibilities – or at least should have. You could argue that the fourth arm of these checks should be the media – if only it operated objectively.

Despite prevailing arguments to the contrary, I believe that our system has operated well. That was, up until the recent pandemic, when power hungry politicians and bureaucrats extended the limits of their 'authority' far beyond what we should have allowed. Instead of learning from bad mistakes however, Governments, particularly the Federal, have looked to extend their power and consequently are assaulting personal freedom in the process. The recent passing of the Digital ID legislation and the looming Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill are examples.

Where is the Counterbalance?

Government in Australia is not meant to be dictatorial, authoritative

or totalitarian. Government is meant to be representative, with a focus on the best interests of everyday people. In essence, it is a master-servant relationship, where we the people are the masters. The aftermath of the pandemic should have seen less draconian edicts and more safeguards against unjust Government legislation. Yet, for example, a COVID Royal Commission seems more fantasy than inevitability at this point. The question is, how do we push back against the slow march towards totalitarianism? What can we do to firm up defenses, to ensure that our system is operating in the interests of the 'people' and not the 'political elites'?

Plebiscites for Treaties

International Treaties can have a significant impact on the Nation. Climate treaties such as the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement are examples. The Australian Government regularly enters into international treaties, often enjoying bipartisan support from Labor and the Coalition. This bipartisan support negates any electoral vote or indication of the will of the people. Yet, there are those that argue that certain free trade agreements and collective international treaties, such as with the United Nations, do not represent the interests of the Australian people, nor the National interest.

Looking forward, there is concern among a section of the community that the lingering World Health Organisation Pandemic Agreement will take away Australia's sovereignty and individual citizen's bodily autonomy during a pandemic. To defend against this, Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Loughrey has proposed that any treaty that the Australian Government enters, should be approved by the voting majority by way of a plebiscite. While continual plebiscites may aggravate the voting public, the threat of losing a vote may deter Governments from negotiating unpopular treaties, especially as treaties can take years to formulate. As treaties can change



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the policy direction of a nation, the importance of the voting public having their say is as equal importance as voting in a general election in my opinion.

Plebiscites could also question whether Australia should continue its membership to international bodies, such as the United Nations or the World Health Organisation. The voting public has not had a say on these memberships. It would be interesting to see whether there would be public support to stay part of these global bodies.

Citizen Initiated Referenda

It has been argued that the act of voting on big issues at an election every three or four years is not enough. Governments can introduce legislation that they failed to mention during the preceding election campaign. Either that, or Government's break their election promises and proceed with legislation despite assurances to the contrary – we all remember 'There will be no carbon tax under the Government I lead'. The recent Digital ID bill is an example of legislation that appears to be increasingly unpopular with

everyday voters, but it enjoyed a clear path through Parliament. In State Parliaments, bans on 'conversion therapy' have passed, despite no clear public appetite.

'Citizen initiated referenda' could be a means of addressing all the above. The aim being to diffuse political power and improve voter representation. Provided that the referenda could attract enough public support, citizen-initiated referenda could trigger the repeal of unpopular legislation, such as State Public Health Orders. Similarly, it could also introduce legislation that is popular with the public but delayed by unwilling parties. Think the abolition of pay-roll tax, stamp duty or the construction of new dams.

Why do we need to wait until an election, at the earliest, to initiate popular legislation, or remove unpopular or concerning legislation? The more influence the voting public can have over the process of legislation is far more favorable than leaving it to politicians in my opinion.

Recall Elections

Recall elections is a method by

which the electorate can vote to oust elected representatives before their terms have officially lapsed. Initially, in countries where they are implemented, recall elections were an attempt to curtail the influence of political parties on elected representatives. In essence, to ensure that elected officials were representing their constituents instead of abiding by the party machine that they are a part of.

Would the constituents of New England and Lyne have enjoyed the opportunity to hold recall elections following the 2010 hung Parliament? Despite implementing a mechanism of accountability upon an elected representative, one criticism is that recall elections could be used excessively, causing financial expense and frustration of the public. Since 1913, California has seen 180 recall attempts of state elected officials. However, there have only been six successful recall attempts.

Conclusion

The stated reforms above have their pros and cons, as does all legislation that is proposed or implemented. You could also consider an Australian Bill of Rights, which has been debated since Federation. Whether you agree with the options above or not, the main point is that no legislation is currently being implemented to restrict the power of Government, or to give more power to the voting public.

Unfortunately, the opposite is happening. It seems we are being restricted further and further by increased regulations, restrictions and censorship. The pendulum has swung out of balance, and it is time to begin the discussion on how 'we the people' push back.

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