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Censorship for Christmas

By PAUL G. CONLON

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Paul G. Conlon (pictured)

Knock knock.

It's not the start of a joke—it's the sound I waited for every Christmas Eve as a child. With German heritage, our family celebrated early, and that knock meant Santa's gift sack waited at the door.

I later learned it was my father's knuckles and my parents' gifts. The one I remember most wasn't wrapped in paper, but in a lesson, I've carried since.

One year, more than anything, I wanted a SEGA Megadrive. It would have been the first gaming console allowed into our home and earning it wasn't guaranteed. My parents weighed it carefully. Would it distract me from chores? Affect school? Could I handle the responsibility? These were judgements only a family with skin in the game could make, not a rule reducible to age.

When I finally unwrapped that Megadrive, it wasn't just a present. It was a coming-of-age, a signal I was ready for technology that could shape my habits



and attention. It taught me that readiness is built on preparation and parental discernment, not government dictates.

That world ends this Christmas with the under-16 social media ban.

According to eSafety.gov.au, "The Australian Government is protecting young Australians...through world-

first social media age restrictions taking effect on 10 December." Protecting children sounds noble—but behind that ornamental language sit two profound shifts: the quiet replacement of parental authority with national rulebooks, and the rise of digital enforcement systems reaching far beyond social media and age checks.

These changes unwind centuries of hard-won liberties. The Magna Carta began a long drift of power away from rulers; this policy pulls it back. And the human cost isn't acknowledged.

Children need risk to mature. Riding horses, using power tools, navigating early responsibilities give young people measured

exposure to consequences and growth.

In fact, an Australian flight instructor can deem a fifteen-year-old ready to fly a plane solo. Yet that same teenager is now considered too fragile by Canberra to watch YouTube cat videos for another year. Is it any wonder our children struggle to form a healthy sense of self?

If child protection is the metric, why was Pornhub excluded? Why are the platforms most effective at political debate and alternative viewpoints the first to be restricted?

Safety isn't the issue—control is. Once age limits police the internet, compliance requires identification from everyone—and a government with perfect visibility holds absolute leverage.

Even Greens Senator David Shoebridge warned, "they're making it up on the fly—2.5 million young people are being disrespected and everyone's privacy treated like a joke." He's right. New restrictions and requirements appear weekly.

That's how scope creep works: first social media, then the wider internet, employment, medicine, travel, finance. And once identity becomes the gatekeeper, those essentials become conditional—a playground for discrimination.

Children lose rites of passage. Families lose rights of judgement. This isn't theory. It's unfolding now, in the weeks before Christmas. What legacy will we bequeath—earned autonomy or dictated prohibition?

Will our children's Christmases be Merry ... or Monitored?

■ *For practical steps to protect your family's digital autonomy, visit Paul G. Conlon's Weekend Anonymity course at weekendanon.com*

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2026: The Year Santa Goes Digital

By **COURAGE IS THE CURE**

Is this the last Christmas where cash still jingles all the way? From 1 January 2026, Australia's shiny new cash acceptance mandate looks set to begin. It's currently expected to apply only to supermarkets and petrol stations, meaning 98.2% of businesses could legally say, "No thanks,

we're too digital for your notes."

So, if Nanna puts a crisp \$20 into the grandkids' Christmas card, hoping they'll buy something fun, prepare for disappointment. That toy shop? Exempt. The café? Exempt. The bookstore? You guessed it—exempt. Unless your dream gift is unleaded petrol or a bag of carrots, good luck spending it.

The government says it's

protecting the 1.5 million Australians who rely on cash. But with loopholes this wide, it's more like a festive illusion. Will 2026 be the year we unwrap a cashless Christmas?

Will Grandpa have to start gifting QR codes? Or maybe just heartfelt IOUs. Because in the future, it seems the only thing cash will buy... is nostalgia.

US Congress Summons Australia's E-Safety Commissioner

By **SCOTT JOHNSON**

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On 18 November 2025, US House Judiciary Committee Chairman Congressman Jim Jordan summoned Australia's eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant, to testify before US Congress by 2 December 2025. The unusual request concerns Australia's Online Safety Act (social media ban)

which Jordan argues threatens American rights to free speech through Australia's internet censorship plans. US born Julie Inman Grant is in charge of this media ban as Australia's senior public servant and has been widely dubbed "The E-Karen" while Elon Musk has called her an "Australian Censorship Commissar". The Australian Labor government cites the ban as a measure to protect children from the internet by banning under 16s from using

social media. The methodology is unclear, but it appears to include forcing all social media users to submit to digital age verification. Critics see this as a stepping stone to complete internet censorship, noting that porn sites are not included in this government ban. Rep. Jim Jordan has described free speech as a hallmark of Western culture and labelled Inman Grant as a "Zealot for global takedowns". Stay tuned as the war against free speech rolls on.



To our readers: thank you for standing strong, thinking freely, and sharing The Light Australia. A special shoutout to The Light volunteers—your passion and perseverance keep our message alive and growing. May your Christmas be joyful, your New Year purposeful, and your spirit unshakable. Here's to truth and community in 2026.

With gratitude, *The Light Australia Team.*

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Durov's Warning: The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come

By **SCOTT JOHNSON**

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"Ghost of the Future!" he exclaimed. "I fear you more than any Spectre I have seen." This quote from Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol* should come as no surprise to anyone following geopolitics and the rise of the globalist-led censorship-industrial complex. Catherine Austin Fitts, a former Wall Street Banker and public servant, once described this looming threat as a "digital concentration camp" and in a 10 October 2025 social media post, Pavel Durov described it as "a dark dystopian world". Like the wisdom that Orwell and Huxley gave us years ago, these are stark warnings for humanity and Durov is another pioneer of political culture, albeit his contribution is a modern one that comes via the internet. He is the Russian-born tech entrepreneur, co-founder and CEO of the encrypted messaging app Telegram, which boasts over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide. As of 2025, his net worth is estimated over \$17 billion.

In August 2024, the French authorities arrested Durov at Le Bourget Airport near Paris alleging he failed to properly moderate his app platform, implicating him with international fraud and criminal activity. The authorities charged him with complicity and negligence involving money laundering, child exploitation and drug trafficking, yet his

supporters allege the real reasons relate to his refusal to censor Telegram and provide authorities with access to his customers' private communications. His arrest triggered international condemnation from prominent supporters such as Elon Musk, Edward Snowden, Tucker Carlson, Glenn Greenwald and Nigel Farage. Robert F. Kennedy Jr. responded on X stating, "France just arrested Pavel Durov, founder & CEO of the encrypted, uncensored Telegram platform. The need to protect free speech has never been more urgent." After four days Durov was released from prison with pending charges and allowed to temporarily leave France providing he notifies the French authorities. At the time of writing, however, his case remains ongoing with no trial date set. Durov's prophetic warning (posted



Pavel Durov (pictured)
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"If liberty means anything at all it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear." George Orwell

on Telegram, X and elsewhere) was in reference to his 41st birthday and it is interesting to note he was born in 1984, a year that coincidentally forged the title of a masterpiece of dystopian literature. That book of course is '1984' by George Orwell but I must clarify that Orwell's 1984 theme differs from the 'Ghost of the Future' in Dickens' classic—namely that in *A Christmas Carol*—hope and redemption are forever enshrined in our Zeitgeist. The future is actually ours to command (we must resist tyranny) and as you may recall in that 19th century story by Dickens, the character of Tiny Tim *did not die*. Durov's post is as follows...



"The dictatorship of the future I think will be very unlike the dictatorships which we've been familiar with in the immediate past." Aldous Huxley

I'm turning 41, but I don't feel like celebrating. Our generation is running out of time to save the free Internet built for us by our fathers. What was once the promise of the free exchange of information is being turned into the ultimate tool of control. Once-free countries are introducing dystopian measures such as digital IDs (UK), online age checks (Australia), and mass scanning of private messages (EU). Germany is persecuting anyone who dares to criticize officials on the Internet. The UK is imprisoning thousands for their tweets. France is criminally investigating tech leaders who defend freedom and privacy. A dark, dystopian world is approaching fast—while we're asleep. Our generation risks going down in history as the last one that had freedoms—and allowed them to be taken away. We've been fed a lie. We've been made to believe that the greatest fight of our generation is to destroy everything our forefathers left us: tradition, privacy, sovereignty, the free market, and free speech. By betraying the legacy of our ancestors, we've set ourselves on a path toward self-destruction—moral, intellectual, economic, and ultimately biological. So no, I'm not going to celebrate today. I'm running out of time. WE are running out of time.

■ *For more about Pavel Durov, see his app Telegram <https://telegram.org> or check the internet—while you still can.*

Hate Laws Target Thoughts Not Violence

By **MICHAEL ARBON**

Australia's new Australian Federal Police (AFP) Commissioner's laser focus will be on hate speech and so-called extremism, even where no crime or intent exists. Criminalising words and ideas, especially

those that merely risk offence, is a dangerous path for any democracy.

The government's new hate crime laws already removed the requirement for "intent" to be established, allowing prosecutors to charge those acting "recklessly." Now the AFP

wants to go even further, chasing down behaviours that fall short of terrorism. That's not policing violence, that's policing thought. As George Orwell warned: "If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear."

Australia doesn't need more

speech police. We need open debate, and a culture resilient enough to handle disagreement, not fear it. Protecting democracy means protecting free speech, especially when it offends.

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High Court Backs Ban on Candace Owens

By **COURAGE IS THE CURE**

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On 15 October 2025, the High Court upheld the Australian government's decision to deny US conservative commentator Candace Owens a visa, barring her from entering the country.

Owens planned a national

speaking tour, but Home Affairs Minister Tony Burke cited her history of inflammatory remarks as grounds for exclusion under section 501 of the Migration Act 1958, known as the "character test."

The judges noted that Burke had denied Owens a visa after examining her views and comments on areas such as antiracism, Black Lives Matter, anti-Semitism, LGBTQ rights, and

When the highest court backs censorship, who's left to defend liberty?



Photo courtesy of Candace Owens

COVID-19.

Critics of the decision aren't defending her views—they're defending the principle that ideas, even uncomfortable ones, should be debated, not banned. When the highest court backs censorship, who's left to defend liberty? Today it's Owens. Tomorrow it could be any voice that challenges dominant narratives.

The Crippling Decline in Disposable Household Income

By **STEVEN TRIPP**

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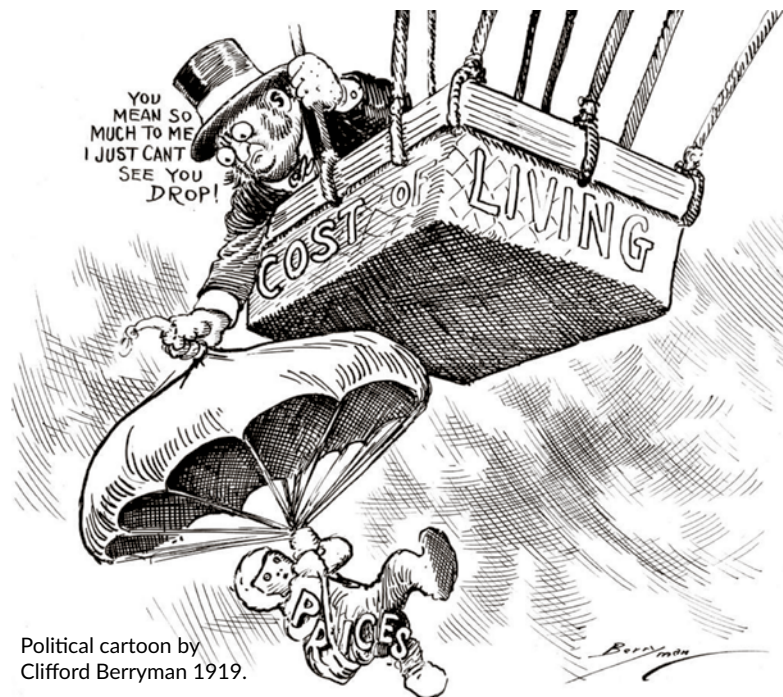
"We've come a long way, we've got a lot going for us, we're better placed and better prepared than other countries." This was the bold claim made by Treasurer Jim Chalmers at the National Press Club back in June.

His words have come back to bite him, however, as new data from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has revealed that Australia has recorded the steepest decline in real household disposable income among all other developed nations.

According to the latest quarterly national accounts and OECD benchmarks, real per capita household disposable income fell by 1.8% in Australia in 2024. This places Australia as the only OECD-ranked country that saw declines in both 2023 and 2024.

In fact, the data only adds to a prolonged slump, with real per capita household disposable incomes plummeting around 8% from their mid-2022 peak according to data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

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Political cartoon by Clifford Berryman 1919.

per capita household disposable income has barely risen by 0.1%, whereas the OECD average increased by 9.3%. This includes Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom, which saw increases of 5.5%, 8.6%, and 2.5% respectively.

These worrying disposable income figures indicate the underlying structural challenges in Australia's economy, with factors such as low productivity growth and diminishing returns from trade also playing their part

in Australia's overall economic outlook.

Long gone are the days of sound economic management, which saw Australia successfully absorb financial shocks from around the world. Diverging from this post-pandemic, Australia's recovery has dragged significantly behind our global peers.

While many OECD countries rebounded with wage growth and moderating inflation, Australia's experience has been marred by persistent cost-of-living pressures, soaring energy prices, and unrealistic housing affordability.

Housing, in particular, is crippling Australians, as the country suffers from among the world's highest median home prices, with Sydney surging to a record high of \$1.7 million. To

make matters worse, housing affordability has coupled with higher interest rates—peaking with the Reserve Bank's cash rate at 4.35% in late 2023, which held until February 2025, further eroding purchasing power.

Alarmingly, real wages stagnated or declined for much of 2023–2024, falling to a 14-year low, as inflation pressures continued.

Mental health surveys from Beyond Blue indicate rising financial stress, with the 2024 Mental Health and Wellbeing Check reporting that 46% of respondents named financial pressure as a key factor in their distress.

The OECD data should serve as a wake-up call for federal policymakers. As global headwinds persist, the impact of poor domestic economic management is being felt more than ever. Reclaiming household financial security is not just an economic imperative; it's the bedrock of national resilience. If Treasurer Chalmers truly believes we have come a long way, then we have much further to go.

■ *Find out more at www.commandingthenarrative.com*

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Treasury Figures Show Australians Could Face a \$290 Billion Carbon Tax to Meet Net Zero Targets

IPA media release from
ADAM CREIGHTON

Date: 3 November 2025

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"If the government were serious about achieving its new 62-70 per cent emissions reduction target by 2035 it would need to hit the economy with a \$290 billion carbon tax over a decade, a massively bigger impost than anything the Rudd-Gillard government ever contemplated," said Adam Creighton, Chief Economist at the Institute of Public Affairs. New analysis of the cost of the federal government's latest New Zero Plan released today by the IPA has established that:

- Under the Treasury's modelled Marginal Abatement Incentives (MAIs), a \$290 billion tax burden would be required over a decade to meet a 65 per cent reduction in emissions from 2005 levels.
- The annual tax haul, reaching a maximum of \$29.7 billion in 2029, would be around five times greater than the largest annual amount collected under



the Gillard government's carbon tax introduced in 2012.

- International literature suggests it's unlikely governments can achieve their emission reductions targets without a carbon price significantly

greater than the Treasury's estimated marginal abatement incentives.

"The economic modelling Treasury released last month laughably assumed there was no cost at all to the federal government's new emissions

reduction plan, which in reality is a radical, unprecedented and unrealistic restructure of the Australian economy in a short period of time," Mr Creighton said.

In plain English, a Marginal Abatement Incentive is another way of saying the level of carbon tax required to force businesses to change their behaviour; the more emissions reduction required the higher the tax needs to be. "As bad as the modelling was, at least Treasury did release a range of marginal abatement incentives which show the levels a carbon tax would need to be," Mr Creighton said. "Regardless of how the government ultimately chooses to achieve it targets—and it didn't even introduce major new tough regulations in its September announcement—it will cost the economy more than using a carbon tax."

The research found that the annual tax revenue required to achieve the federal government's emissions targets ranges from \$27.3 billion to almost \$29.7 billion annually, or more than \$290 billion over the 10-year period leading up to the emissions target date. "In any one year, this hypothetical revenue would be around five times greater (in

inflation adjusted terms) than the carbon tax revenue generated in the 2014 financial year (the year of greatest revenue during the Gillard government's carbon tax)," the research found. "The purpose of the analysis is not to produce specific numbers but rather to highlight the extraordinary fiscal impost that would be required to produce the promised emissions reductions targets via a carbon tax, using the Treasury's own MAIs."

The research also found the federal government is relying very heavily on 'carbon sinks' to achieve its ultimate 2050 'net zero' emissions reduction goal. Land Use and Forestry abatement is projected to more than double to 167 million tonnes a year by 2050, which would consume an additional arable land area around twice the size of Tasmania. "When you look under the hood of the Treasury's modelling you realise the government is relying massively on forestry related activities to achieve its emissions reduction targets by 2050 that would require another 13.4 million hectares of arable land at least," Mr Creighton said.

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De-dollarisation in Real Time

By **WILL JEFFERIES**

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The global financial order is quietly being rewritten. What once looked like isolated events are now parts of a larger pattern: India paying for Russian oil in yuan, Saudi Arabia accepting yuan for crude, BHP pricing part of its iron ore exports to China in yuan, and Fortescue borrowing in yuan. Even global central banks, for the first time since 1996, now hold more gold than U.S. Treasuries. The shift away from the dollar is no longer theoretical; it is happening in real time.

Over the past decade, the world has been awash with money. Every major economy has expanded its money supply at a record pace. The United States grew from \$12 trillion to \$22 trillion, the Euro area from €10 trillion to €16 trillion, Australia from A\$1.8 trillion to A\$3.3 trillion, and China from ¥136 trillion to ¥335 trillion. Everyone printed. The real difference lies not in how much, but in where the new money went.

In the West—and particularly in Australia—that liquidity flowed into housing and financial assets. Banks lent against property rather than productivity, and asset prices inflated almost in lockstep with the money supply. The feedback loop was simple and seductive: more credit led to higher prices, which created more collateral, which justified even more credit. Housing



meanwhile barely registers in official inflation, accounting for roughly a fifth of the consumer price index even though it can consume half of household budgets. We measure inflation where it's lightest and ignore it where it hurts most. The result has been an economy built on leverage, not output, and prosperity measured through rising valuations rather than rising productivity.

China printed even more, but

channelled its liquidity differently. Large portions were directed into gold accumulation, infrastructure, and industrial capacity—tangible assets that build long-term leverage rather than paper wealth. Its money turned into ports, railways, power grids, refineries, and critical-mineral supply chains. The result is a form of balance-sheet strength that the West can no longer easily replicate. China's gold reserves have risen by more

than a third over the past decade, while Russia's are up seventy per cent and India's sixty. The United States, Europe, and Australia, by contrast, have barely moved. The East has been turning currency into collateral; the West has been creating more currency to defend inflated assets.

Trust, in this new order, is drifting away from paper promises toward things you can touch—metal, energy, and

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production capacity. A new system is emerging, one that does not revolve solely around the U.S. dollar. It is not an overnight revolution but a gradual rebalancing of trade and trust, a world in which economic power is measured as much in resources and resilience as in reserves.

Australia sits uncomfortably in the middle: selling to China, borrowing in U.S. dollars, saving in property, and holding almost no real reserves. In the late 1990s, Treasurer Peter Costello sold 167 tonnes of gold for about A\$500 an ounce, raising A\$2.5 billion. At today's prices, that gold would be worth over A\$30 billion. We never bought it back. The age of easy money is ending. The next era will be built on hard assets, multiple reserve systems, and regional trust—and Australia will have to decide which world it belongs to.

China Emits More in 12 Days than Australia Does in One Year

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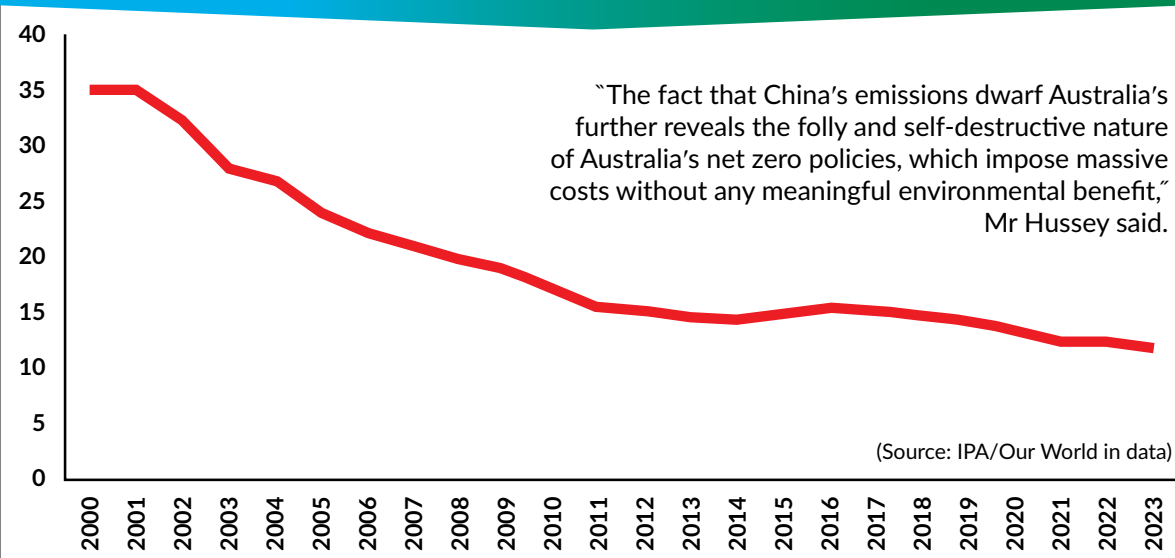
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“Even in the highly unlikely event that Australia would ever reach net zero carbon emissions, this would be cancelled out every fortnight by China. This again proves that Australia's net zero policy is reckless and utterly futile,” said Cian Hussey, Research Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs. New IPA research shows that every 12 days China emits more carbon than Australia does in an entire year. The research also found;

- Australia's carbon emissions per capita have decreased by 24.3 per cent since 2004, while China's have increased by 109 per cent.
- China is responsible for 73 per cent of the increase in global carbon emissions since 2004, while Australia has not contributed to this increase, and Australia's emissions have declined over this period.

Number of days for China to exceed Australia's annual carbon emissions



- Australia's share of global carbon emissions declined from 1.3 per cent in 2004 to 1 per cent in 2023.
- For every tonne of emissions Australia has cut, China has increased its emissions by almost 36,000 tonnes.
- For each coal-fired power station currently operating in

Australia, China operates 66. This is up from 57 in 2021.

Further, China is currently constructing 177 coal-fired power stations, with a further 226 in the pre-construction phase, while Australia has none in the construction or pre-construction phase. “Maintaining net zero requires turning a blind eye to the

significant economic, social, and humanitarian costs it is causing. As the Productivity Commission recently acknowledged, Australia is pursuing this policy even though our emissions do not have any impact on the global climate,” Mr Hussey said.

“We are seeing the de-industrialisation of Australia

happening in real time, and the outsourcing of critical manufacturing to hostile foreign powers such as China.” “The scale of China's carbon emissions increase means that the economically and socially destructive policy of net zero in Australia is an act of devastating economic self-harm.”

Previous IPA research found that 79 per cent of Australians want affordability and reliability to be the government's energy policy focus, while only 21 per cent backed meeting net zero targets. The polling also showed that 74 per cent of Australians are not willing to spend more than \$50 per year to meet targets. “This is yet another wake-up call for the political class who push net zero on the rest of us. That just one-in-five Australians believe net zero should be the priority of our energy policy demonstrates the total lack of mainstream support,” Mr Hussey said. “Not only should Australia abandon the net zero emissions policy immediately, but we should withdraw from the Paris Agreement.”

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Was Covid a Milgram Experiment?

By **DR GERRY BRADY (RET)**

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During the Milgram experiments conducted in 1961 by famous psychologist Stanley Milgram, unknowing, hoodwinked participants were subjected to considerable stress. They were directed by authority figures to inflict electric shocks on a third person. If they agreed, their actions would cause them great distress and would cause harm to the person acting as the recipient of the electric “shocks”. Was the Covid event of 2020–2024 a sophisticated carefully planned and executed Milgram experiment? WHY did all governments act as one? Were they directed to do so?

During Covid, all governments (authority figures) used in-house “experts” in “public health” (also



Obedience to Authority: An Experimental View is a 1974 book by social psychologist Stanley Milgram. Published by Harper & Row.

authority figures) to strengthen their claims that a terrible, deadly virus was spreading around the globe and could potentially kill millions. They instructed naïve citizens to act by locking themselves in their homes,

closing their businesses, not participating in social events and religious gatherings, wearing masks that (clearly) gave little or no protection, undergoing PCR tests to “prove” their state of infection (despite known 90% false positive rates for PCR tests when conducted above 30 amplification cycles), then (finally) they were coerced (or forced) to take an experimental injection of a “safe and effective” mRNA technology (previously unused in humans) as the “only solution”.

All of those circumstances appeared to be coordinated between nations arguably by global “authorities” such as the UN, the World Economic Forum and World Health Organisation. This appears to be, indeed, a global Milgram Experiment. And, during the Covid Milgram experiment which lasted for 4 years, it was clear that at least 65 %-92 % followed orders and inflicted harm upon themselves, their businesses, their society and their nation as a whole. In other words, they were induced to enter an Agentic State of Agency (acting for

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an Authority figure). Thus, if Covid was indeed a planned Milgram Experiment, BOOM Finance and Economics can only conclude that it was successful at re-creating the Milgram outcomes. And if it was deliberate, then the protagonists of the evil deed are certainly not finished with the power that they achieved by doing so.

The next (logical) step would be to create a permanent state of great stress and then a single, all-knowing, non-human

authority – e.g., “Agentic Artificial Intelligence” – that can induce a permanent Agentic State in the majority of humans who would then willingly comply with any instructions given. In such a situation, anyone acting as non-compliant could then be easily identified as “the enemy” and either jailed in modern concentration camps or eliminated. They could perhaps be described as “conspiracy theorists” or “Neo Nazis” or even “enemies of the state”. Is this the dystopian world that awaits us if we continue to develop and use Artificial Intelligence with no overriding regulatory controls?

See Also:

- **Full article:** <https://boomfinanceandeconomics.substack.com/p/agentive-artificial-intelligence-to>
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The Second Massive Population Study Finds COVID-19 Vaccines Increase the Risk of 6 Major Cancers

By **PROFESSOR IAN BRIGHTHOPE**

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Call mRNA injections in lipid nanoparticles for what they are! A large-scale South Korean study involving 8.4 million adults found that COVID-19 vaccination is associated with increased risks of multiple cancers, corroborating an earlier Italian study. Conducted using the Korean National Health Insurance database from 2021–2023, the study analysed cancer incidence over one year, comparing vaccinated and unvaccinated groups.

After adjusting for factors like age, sex, comorbidities, income, and prior COVID-19 infection, the study reported a 27% higher overall cancer risk in vaccinated individuals (HR 1.27) [Hazard



Ratio]. Specific cancers with elevated risks included lung (53%), prostate (69%), thyroid (35%), gastric (34%), colorectal (28%),

and breast (20%). The increased risk was consistent across vaccine platforms: cDNA vaccines (e.g., AstraZeneca) showed a 47%

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Booster doses were linked to a 23% higher risk of gastric cancer and a 125% higher risk of pancreatic cancer. The elevated cancer risk was observed across all demographics, with women and the elderly showing the highest burden, though younger adults and men also faced increased risks for specific cancers. This study aligns with a prior Italian study (~300,000 people) that found increased risks for overall cancer, breast, bladder, and colorectal cancers. The consistent findings

across both studies suggest that both mRNA and viral-vector COVID-19 vaccines is carcinogenic, prompting calls for further investigation and potential market withdrawal of these vaccines. My opinion, mRNA is a class one carcinogen.

- **Professor Ian Brighthope's Substack** <https://substack.com/@ianbrighthope>
- **See the South Korean study: 1-year risks of cancers associated with COVID-19 vaccination: a large population-based cohort study in South Korea-** <https://biomarkerres.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s40364-025-00831-w>



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Secrecy Over Trump-Pfizer Deal Sparks FOIA Demands and Public Outcry

Pfizer's stock jumped Tuesday after CEO Albert Bourla and President Donald Trump announced a deal to lower U.S. drug prices and invest \$70 billion in domestic manufacturing, while shielding the company from tariffs. Critics blasted the lack of transparency, with watchdog groups filing FOIA requests to uncover the agreement's undisclosed terms.

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Pfizer's stock "surged" late Tuesday after CEO Albert Bourla announced an agreement with President Donald Trump to lower its U.S. drug prices and invest \$70 billion in U.S. manufacturing. Critics of the deal say the public deserves to know exactly how the company and the government are collaborating. Trump held a press conference with Bourla on Tuesday, but the president released few details. Under the deal, Trump will refrain from imposing tariffs on Pfizer for three years. Pfizer will boost its domestic manufacturing, make its drugs available to Medicaid at a discounted rate, and sell its products directly to U.S. patients at a discounted rate via the yet-to-be-launched government website, TrumpRX. The agreement gives Pfizer "certainty and stability" on tariffs and pricing, Bourla said in a press release. As of press time, neither the White House nor Pfizer provided any further details about the deal. "Specific terms of the agreement remain confidential," Pfizer's press release stated. According to Pfizer, the deal paves the way for the drugmaker

to develop new products related to "cancer, obesity, vaccines, and inflammation and immunology."

Children's Health Defense (CHD) CEO Mary Holland said it was "troubling" for the Trump administration to keep the details of its agreement with Pfizer confidential. Though arguably legal, the move "completely undermines" the administration's commitment to transparency, she said, adding:

"The failure to provide any details of the U.S.-Pfizer pricing and tariff exemption deal is even more egregious in light of Pfizer's long record of past criminal conduct and its knowing role in producing mRNA gene therapies, marketed as vaccines, that caused thousands of deaths and injuries." "Pfizer knew that its mRNA shots neither stopped infection nor transmission."

"CHD stands firmly for a recall of the mRNA products currently on the market. The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System makes perfectly clear that these products are unsafe."

CHD Chief Scientific Officer Brian Hooker agreed. "There

really needs to be a 'full stop' with Pfizer, period, given the drugmaker's duplicitous behavior around the COVID-19 jab."

The federal government should be investigating Pfizer, not collaborating with it, Hooker said. "No transparency, no deal."

Groups submit FOIA requests to see government's deal with Pfizer

Today, the watchdog group Public Citizen sent a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to federal agencies to obtain a copy of Trump's deal with Pfizer. Peter Maybarduk, Public Citizen's Access to Medicines director, said in a statement that Trump's deal raises more questions than it answers.

"The White House must publish the text of the Pfizer deal, so Americans know what they are getting," Maybarduk said. The Informed Consent Action Network also submitted a FOIA request today to obtain a copy of the agreement, attorney Aaron Siri told The Defender. Attorney Ray Flores said it was disappointing that groups have to FOIA for the information,

given the administration's stated commitment to "radical transparency." "It appears that FOIA will be the only avenue to get a heavily redacted copy of the agreement," Flores said. "If we are fortunate, after waiting a few years, we might be able to piece together the details." CHD General Counsel Kim Mack Rosenberg said Pfizer has a history of not disclosing information shared with the government that people have a right to see. "When that information comes to light, it almost invariably does not reflect well on Pfizer," she said.

Pfizer's concessions protect bottom line, ensure speedier drug approvals

Cantor Fitzgerald analyst Carter Gould told The Wall Street Journal that Pfizer didn't adjust any of the company's financial guidelines due to the deal, suggesting that the deal wouldn't negatively affect its financial performance. Gould wrote in a research note that the deal appeared "largely benign." For instance, Pfizer already discounted its drugs for Medicaid patients, so the low prices stipulated in the

deal may not be that much of a pricing difference, the WSJ said. Most people have health insurance plans that come with lower out-of-pocket costs, so the number of people who buy Pfizer's drugs directly at discounted rates on the TrumpRX website may also be negligible, according to the WSJ. Also, Pfizer may already have been planning to spend the \$70 billion that it committed to allocate to U.S. manufacturing, BMO Capital Markets analyst Evan David Seigerman told the WSJ. According to Seigerman, the deal ingratiated Pfizer with Trump, who has threatened to tariff pharmaceutical companies that refuse to sell their products to U.S. patients at prices comparable to what patients in other wealthy nations pay. "If we don't make a deal, then we're going to tariff them an extra 5, 6, 7, 8 percent," Trump said Tuesday in the press conference with Bourla at the White House. The deal also means that Pfizer will receive special status when its new drug approval applications are reviewed.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Marty Makary, who also spoke at Tuesday's press conference, said drugmakers who make their U.S. drug prices equivalent to the prices paid in other developed nations would be eligible for his agency's new voucher program that speeds drug approvals. "A voucher to get a review in weeks has a market street value of about \$500 million, because every day is money," Makary said. Pfizer and the White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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Operation Warp Speed: Mistake or Regret?

By **SENATOR MALCOLM ROBERTS**

President Trump recently called on vaccine manufacturers to support their claims regarding the safety and efficacy of their products. It was these assurances that led him to launch Operation Warp Speed to develop the Covid vaccine and has defended the product in the years since. It now appears President Trump is open

I hope the President reaches the same conclusion I have—that the mRNA platform is dangerous and should never have been used as the basis for the Covid vaccines developed under Operation Warp Speed.

to reconsidering his position on vaccine safety. I hope he does.

A critical review of the claims

made by vaccine manufacturers is likely to show a very high level of data tampering, misrepresentation,

and outright lies. This will mostly be around vaccine quality, not design. Many of our vaccines are produced as cheaply as possible and contain high levels of heavy metals, such as aluminium, which act as a preservative. These are causing harm to our children.

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under Operation Warp Speed.

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Doomsday Addiction: 50 Years Of Fear

The apocalypse is tomorrow and, if not, the day after will do.

Declarations of the world’s demise are a dime a dozen, the fare of dignitaries, politicians, scientists, and celebs: The end is nigh—and getting nigher. Coupled to the certainty of doomsday is the fall of farming. Hand in hand, armaged-don and agriculture are bedmates. On March 20, 2023, the United Nations warned of humanity’s ticking ‘time-bomb’, and released a ‘report of reports’ highlighting a multi-trillion-dollar plan to implement climate policies across the world. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres proclaimed the report ‘a survival guide for humanity’ and called for the phase-out of natural fuels: “Dear friends, humanity is on thin ice—and that ice is melting fast.”

Too Many People

With world population at 3.5 billion (7.9 billion as of 2023), Paul Erlich penned **The Population Bomb** and lobbed an incendiary grenade in the opening lines of his prologue: ‘the battle to feed all of humanity is over. In the 1970s hundreds of millions of people will starve to death in spite of any crash programs embarked upon now. At this late date nothing can prevent a substantial increase in the world death rate...’

August 1969

Erlich in the *New York Times*: ‘We must realise that unless we are extremely lucky, everybody will disappear in a cloud of blue steam in 20 years.’

April 1970

Erlich in *Mademoiselle* magazine: “Population will inevitably and completely outstrip whatever small increases in food supplies we make. The death rate will increase until at least 100-200 million people per year will be starving to death during the next ten years.”

Too Many People

Aug 1969 Everybody will disappear in a blue steam cloud

Apr 1970 100 million people per year will be starving to death

Nov 1970 Civilisation will end within 15 or 30 years

Spring 1970 At the present rate of nitrogen build-up, it's only a matter of time before light will be filtered out of the atmosphere and none of our land will be usable

Big Cold

1968 As greenhouse theorists pushed a rise in average temperature, plenty of ‘forecasters’ asserted a big freeze

1970 Scientist predicts a new ice

Jan 1974 Spy satellites show new ice age is coming fast

Jun 1974 Time magazine joined the cooling trend

1975 Earth's climate seems to be cooling down

1976 Demise, global cooling

1978 Global cooling ‘No End’ fact

1979 North pole might melt
Baking and Burning

1982 Environmental catastrophe ...irreversible

1989 Rising seas could obliterate nations

1990 Climate struggle in the first years of the 1990s

1993 By the next century it will be too late

Modern Failed Predictions

2006 Al Gore projected the planet would hit ‘point of no return’ by 2016

Apr 2008 Consequences of climate inaction: “Not doing it will be catastrophic”

Jun 2008 We’re toast if we don’t get on a very different path. This is the last chance

Jul 2009 Irretrievable climate and ecosystem collapse, and all that goes with it

Oct 2009 Once the damage from unchecked emissions growth is done... it will be irretrievably too late

2014 We have 500 days to avoid climate chaos

Jan 2019 The world is going to end in 12 years if we don’t address climate

Mar 2019 Declared an 11-year window to escape catastrophe

Jun 2019 The next 12 years will determine the very liveability of our planet

Mar 2023 Humanity still has a chance to prevent the worst of climate change's future harms... the climate time-bomb is ticking

What's Next?!

Big Cold

1968

As greenhouse theorists pushed a rise in average temperature, plenty of ‘forecasters’ asserted a big freeze. Ecologist Kenneth Watt sounded the ice alarm, speaking in Pennsylvania at Swarthmore College: “The world has been chilling sharply for about twenty years. If present trends continue, the world will be about four degrees colder for the global mean temperature in 1990, but 11 degrees colder in the year 2000. This is about twice what it would take to put us into an ice age.”

1970

The Boston Globe ran with a chilling headline: ‘Scientist predicts a new ice age by 21st century.’ In the associated article, researcher James Lodge warned: ‘Air pollution may obliterate the sun and cause a new ice age in the first third of the next century if population continues to grow and Earth’s resources are consumed at the present rate...’

January 1974

The Guardian echoed the *Globe*: ‘Spy satellites show new ice age is coming fast.’

June 1974

Time magazine joined the cooling trend: ‘Telltale signs are everywhere,

from the unexpected persistence and thickness of pack ice in the waters around Iceland to the southward migration of a warmth-loving creature like the armadillo from the Midwest. Since the 1940s the mean global temperature has dropped about 2.7 F.’

April 1975

Newsweek weighed in on warning that global cooling would significantly impact agriculture: ‘There are ominous signs that the Earth’s weather patterns have begun to change dramatically and that these changes may portend a drastic decline in food production.’

‘The central fact is that after three quarters of a century of extraordinarily mild conditions, the Earth’s climate seems to be cooling down,’ the *Newsweek* article continued. ‘Meteorologists disagree about the cause and extent of the cooling trend, as well as over its specific impact on local weather conditions. But they are almost unanimous in the view that the trend will reduce agricultural productivity for the rest of the century. If the climatic change is as profound as some of the pessimists fear, the resulting famines could be catastrophic.’

July 1976

Following *Newsweek*, the *New York Times* piped in, with additional gloom on agriculture’s demise attributed to global cooling. ‘... the news for the future is not all good. The climate is going to get unreliable. It is going to get cold. Harvest failures and

regional famines will be more frequent. Weather will probably make history— again.’

‘The relationship of global climate to food supplies is a case in point: climatic researchers are becoming alarmed that in the next 10 to 100 years humanity will be unable to feed itself—not through technological insufficiency or political mischief— but because of climatic changes that it can barely understand or control.’

1978

Global cooling was a ‘No End’ fact, according to another *New York Times* article: ‘An international team of specialists has concluded from eight indexes of climate that there is no end in sight to the cooling trend of the last 30 years, at least in the Northern Hemisphere.’

February 1979

Just a year after the global cooling article, the *New York Times* predicted catastrophe via global warming in a story: ‘Climatologists are warned north pole might melt,’ featuring a jarring opening paragraph: ‘There is a real possibility that some people now in their infancy will live to a time when the ice at the North Pole will have melted, a change that would cause swift and perhaps catastrophic changes in climate.’

Baking and Burning

1982

Mostafa Tolba, executive director of the UN’s Environment Program, pointed to the possibility of widespread devastation in less than 20 years. He cited ‘an environmental catastrophe which will witness devastation as complete, as irreversible as any nuclear holocaust.’

June 1989

The Associated Press squeezed decimation into a tight, 11-year window, with an ominous article, ‘Rising seas could obliterate nations,’ containing a jaw-dropping opener: ‘A senior UN environmental official (Noel Brown) says entire nations could be wiped off the face of the Earth by rising sea levels if the global warming trend is not reversed by the year 2000.’

1990

Aware that the apocalypse was stalled, Mostafa Tolba doubled down: “We shall win or lose the climate struggle in the first years of the 1990s. The issue is as urgent as that.”

February 1993

Thomas Lovejoy, assistant secretary for Environmental and External Affairs at the Smithsonian Institution, stressed the world had one remaining decade of opportunity to avoid calamity. “I am utterly convinced that most of the great environmental struggles will be either won or lost in the 1990s and by the next century it will be too late.”

2006

Former vice-president Al Gore projected that unless drastic measures were implemented, the planet would hit an irreversible ‘point of no return’ by 2016. Game over.

April 2008

Media mogul Ted Turner provided far more detail than Gore, emphasising the consequences of climate inaction: “Not doing it will be catastrophic. We’ll be eight degrees hotter in not 10, but 30 or 40 years, and basically none of the crops will grow. Most of the people will have died and the rest of us will be cannibals. Civilisation will have broken down. The few people left will be living in a failed state like Somalia or Sudan, and living conditions will be intolerable. The droughts will be so bad there’ll be no more corn growing.”

June 2008

The acclaimed godfather of global warming, James Hansen, drew a line in the sand testifying before Congress on the dangers of greenhouse gases: “We’re toast if we don’t get on a very different path. This is the last chance.”

July 2009

Then-Prince Charles chimed in, asserting the Earth had 96 months to avoid decimation: “... irretrievable climate and ecosystem collapse, and all that goes with it.”

October 2009

UK prime minister Gordon Brown urged nations to pull a historical handbrake ahead of a climate conference: “There are now fewer than 50 days to set the course of the next 50 years and more. If we do not reach a deal at this time, let us be in no doubt: once the damage from unchecked emissions growth is done, no retrospective global agreement, in some future period, can undo that choice. By then, it will be irretrievably too late.”

2014

French foreign minister Laurent Fabius upped Brown’s 50 days to 500. “We have 500 days to avoid climate chaos.”

January 2019

Twelve years to 2031: U.S. politician Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez put her chips on 2031 as the potential end of days: “Millennials and people, you know, Gen Z and all these folks that will come after us are looking up and we’re like: ‘The world is going to end in 12 years if we don’t address climate change and your biggest issue is how are we gonna pay for it?’ And, like, this is the war—this is our World War II.”

March 2019

Eleven years to 2030. Echoing Ocasio-Cortez, but shaving off a year, UN General Assembly, President Maria Garcés, declared an 11-year window to escape catastrophe: “We are the last generation that can prevent irreparable damage to our planet.”

June 2019

Then-presidential candidate Joe Biden threw his support behind Ocasio-Cortez’s dozen-year projection: “Science tells us that how we act or fail to act in the next 12 years will determine the very liveability of our planet.”

March 2023

The UN’s latest ‘time-bomb’, as described by *The Associated Press*: ‘Humanity still has a chance close to the last to prevent the worst of climate change’s future harms...’ In step with near annual UN declarations from the past 50 years, Secretary-General Guterres once again sounded the alarm: ‘The climate time-bomb is ticking.

In The Year 2525

Zager And Evans' pop song:

In the year 2525

If man is still alive

If woman can survive

But therein lies the beauty of doomsday predictions: When one fails, make another.

Hidden household toxic chemicals

Poisons disguised as 'fragrance' in cleaning products

By **DORA HOLMES**

We know toxic chemicals are contributing to cancer, learning difficulties and infertility, but we still allow them to remain in our daily lives and even in our own private homes. If you could even just restrict exposure to toxic chemicals that are known to cause harm, surely that's a worthy goal?

For example, did you know there are endocrine disruptors found in many of today's toxic chemical cleaning products? The World Health Organisation has said: 'Exposure to EDCs (endocrine disrupting chemicals) represents a global health threat.' EDC exposure has been linked to infertility, birth defects, learning disabilities and cancer.

These EDCs are rarely listed on product labels in the UK. They are often found in everyday cleaning products hidden within the listing 'fragrance'. It is hard to avoid something if you don't know it's there.

EDCs can enter our bodies indirectly via absorption through the nose, mouth and skin and these chemicals trick our bodies into mistaking them for real hormones. And it has been claimed that during research from health advocates, Environmental Working Group: umbilical cord blood was tested for 300 chemicals, and 287 toxic chemicals were found that are sometimes labelled as 'fragrances' on packaging. We are being born pre-polluted with hundreds of toxic chemicals from everyday products.

These toxic chemicals can enter the unborn child by getting into the mother's body, slipping across the placenta and can contaminate the unborn child even before the moment of birth, so it is common sense to exercise precaution. Why continue to use everyday household cleaning products that have been directly linked to ill health, especially when there are other options available?

Endocrine disruptors can be

'hand-me-down' poisons. Often the grandparents and the parents who have been initially exposed to the toxic chemical appear fine, but then toxic effects are carried down and exhibited in a few generations.

EDCs found in toxic chemicals can be stored in your fat, bones and other tissues and could later be transferred to a baby in the womb. Independent science, free from vested interests, finds that exposure to toxic chemicals could make it difficult or impossible to conceive and has been linked to miscarriages.

What we do know is that products containing hidden chemicals, with fragrance being added here, there and everywhere, are highly likely to contain EDCs. Therefore, the easiest way to avoid EDCs is to consciously make the switch to non-toxic, fragrance-free cleaning products. Why continue to use everyday household cleaning products that have been directly linked to ill health? The wake-up point for most families is when

someone becomes very sick and it is often too late. That is why it really takes an active and holistic approach when choosing different personal and household products. Once you know, you can't unlearn it.

Unless you are actively consciously buying non-toxic, fragrance-free cleaning products, it is highly likely the products you currently use contain many hidden toxins. It's amazing how much of a difference we can make by not bringing this stuff into our homes.

The result of all these toxic chemicals (especially over the last 60 years) found in everyday cleaning products can be clearly seen now in the decline of our children's health today. It may not be the only factor to blame, but it definitely is part of the problem and harmful chemicals are not conducive to health. Asthma, once very rare, is now very common. Regular and frequently occurring headaches are in most families nowadays. Allergies and intolerances are now the 'norm'.

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Neurological issues from anxiety to behavioural problems can all potentially benefit from reduced exposure to toxic chemicals.

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A Conspiracy Confirmed? Geoengineering in the Skies

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If one enters 'chemtrails' into your computer's search engine, one can find no shortage of articles from mainstream media (MSM) blatantly discrediting 'chemtrails' or aerial spraying as some conspiratorial hoax. However, in April 2025, US Health



Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. stated on Dr. Phil Primetime that he thinks the chemtrail program

is conducted by the US military agency, DARPA and that it's "coming out of the jet fuel". In July 2025, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released webpages on contrails and solar geoengineering (aerosol injection programs). Emphasising "total transparency" as the head of the EPA, Lee Zeldin addressed skeptics, stating, "But for years people who asked questions in

good faith were dismissed, even vilified by the media and their own government," and "To anyone who's ever looked up to the streaks in the sky and asked, 'What the heck is going on?'" Zeldin bluntly added: "Americans have legitimate questions about contrails and geoengineering, and they deserve straight answers." Australia has been conducting cloud seeding since the 1960s, and thus Zeldin's

remarks demand straight answers from our own authorities. Stay tuned as disclosure and transparency on this issue is still in its infancy.

■ *For more information see video: EPA Administrator Zeldin Announces New Online Resources on Contrails and Geoengineering www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPIP_TdBeOY*

Rewriting Nature: Australia's Gene Drive Trials

By **BRONWYN HOLM**

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Freedom of Information (FOI) documents—dubbed *The Gene Drive Files*—have revealed that Australia's CSIRO and the University of Adelaide are collaborating with the US military's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) on a radical genetic experiment: gene drives.

The GBIRD project (Genetic Biocontrol of Invasive Rodents) aims to genetically engineer

mice to produce only male offspring—driving the species to extinction. Unlike traditional genetic modification, gene drives force engineered traits through entire populations using CRISPR, rewriting species rather than individuals.

DARPA has invested over US\$100 million into gene drive research, making it the largest global funder. While the stated goal is conservation, critics warn of dual-use risks: the same technology could be weaponised to crash ecosystems, alter microbes, or spread disease.



Bronwyn Holm (pictured)

FOI documents show CSIRO and the University of Adelaide

are scouting Western Australian islands as potential release sites. Adelaide researchers are developing the gene drive; CSIRO is tasked with risk assessment and public engagement. \$3.5 million has been allocated to shape public opinion—but not to ask whether the technology should be released.

Over 170 organisations and several governments have called for a UN moratorium, citing irreversible ecological risks. Even some scientists who once supported gene drives now urge caution.

Gene drives sit within synthetic

biology—engineering life forms that don't exist in nature. Supporters tout benefits for health and agriculture. Critics warn of unintended consequences and ethical dilemmas.

Australia's role in these experiments raises urgent questions: Who decides which life stays—and which goes? Should governments and militaries have the power to reprogram nature?

Once released, gene drives cannot be recalled. The door to extinction technology, once opened, may never close.

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Profile in Courage: The Woman Who Said No

By **SCOTT JOHNSON**

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Bronwyn Hendry, a former prison officer at Bunbury Regional Prison in Western Australia, has been at the centre of a high-profile legal case alleging severe workplace misconduct within the Department of Justice. Her case involves claims of sexual harassment, sex discrimination, and retaliation including death threats by government staff whilst employed as a prison officer. More recently her case has been elevated internationally with a complaint (officially called a communication) being accepted by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland.

Hendry, a mother of six, worked at the prison from 2021 until her resignation in 2023. She is self-representing in ongoing Federal

Court proceedings against the Department of Justice and several senior staff members, including WA prison superintendent Kerri Bishop, Senior Officers Christopher Dobbs and Alan Tindale. To date Hendry has been to court over three years in a long running saga seeking justice and in October 2025 attended her 24th Court appearance.

Hendry alleges she endured repeated sexual remarks, physical advances, exposure to sexually explicit images, stalking and threats to her safety by staff members if she reported these incidents to management. After raising complaints internally, to WorkSafe WA, the WA Industrial Relations Commission, and the Australian Human Rights Commission, Hendry claims her superiors failed to act and retaliation against her included restricted promotions and even



Bronwyn Hendry outside the Federal Court in Western Australia.

threats such as finding decapitated animals (a possum and puppy) on her doorstep. In the early stages she sought to report this behaviour to superiors and was given an ‘amended’ incident report form with the heading changed to “Hurt Feelings Report” and “To assist whiners in documenting hurt feelings.” The incidents of abuse also included fellow officers sending her unsolicited pictures of their genitals.

Hendry rejected a judge’s offer for free legal aid in June 2024, opting to continue self-representing despite frustrations with bureaucratic delays. She was also offered a settlement payout and various media sources indicate over 20 other female victims have come forward with similar complaints with the Department



A decapitated possum left on Bronwyn Hendry's doorstep.

of Justice. Hendry, however, has refused the sign the Non-Disclosure Agreement that comes with settlement offers, as it would prevent her from speaking publicly about her ordeal. Brendon Cook, a former Prison Officer of eight years in Western Australia who is familiar with the case, stated he was “deeply disturbed that anyone could be exposed to this in their workplace” and that he would “never, ever recommend this job to another female friend or colleague ever again.”

On her court date in October 2025, I stood at the back of the Federal Court watching the respondents’ lawyers – four to be exact – with a number of support lawyers or staff behind them. On the right was Bronwyn – standing on her own. She delivered her

submissions like a seasoned litigator and sought to have the Judge removed (recused) on the basis of alleged bias (having personal connections to the lead barrister). It was after court that I asked Bronwyn why she didn’t take the settlement money the Department had offered years ago? It was now her 24th Court appearance with no end in sight. I pressed her on what drives her in pursuing this David and Goliath struggle. She looked at me and said one word – “morals”. She paused and added she just couldn’t watch the matter be “hushed up” with a Non-Disclosure Agreement stating, “I want to stand up for all the victims and just can’t remain silent by signing an NDA.” A week later the Judge subsequently recused himself from the case and at the time of writing, the Court has yet to assign a new judge or a future court date.

Podcasts for more on this case:

- *Edge Radio Australia (YouTube) Why is this Ex-Prison Officer Taking on the Federal Court at youtube.com/watch?v=45nYz-dWHcM*
- *Courage Is The Cure Podcast (Rumble) Recusal Revisited with Whistleblower Bronwyn Hendry at rumble.com/v70xozw-podcast-relentless-recusal-revisited-with-whistleblower-bronwyn-hendry.html*

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The Case of Dr Jereth Kok: A Profession Under Attack

By **KARA THOMAS**

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The suspension of Melbourne GP Dr Jereth Kok by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) stands as a warning to the entire medical profession. For more than six years, Dr Kok has been barred from practising medicine—not for any clinical misconduct, not for harming a patient, but for a series of predominantly private online posts made years ago, many before any formal complaint was even lodged. There were no patient complaints. His clinical record was unblemished. He offered to remove the posts. Yet he was suspended in 2019, based on complaints from anonymous sources. He was subjected to a regulatory and legal process so slow and punitive it has destroyed his medical career. The focus of this case should not be what Dr Kok said—it should be how the regulator and tribunal system operated against him, and what that says about the broader treatment of health professionals in Australia.

Guilty Without Harm

In mid-2025, the Victorian

Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) delivered a 186-page judgment, finding Dr Kok guilty on approximately two-thirds of the allegations. But the flaws in the decision are hard to ignore. The tribunal’s reasoning sidelines Australia’s implied constitutional freedom of political and religious expression, and the Victorian Charter. Instead, it applies an unbending standard of ‘professional conduct’ disconnected from context or proportionality—overriding basic civil liberties in the name of regulatory conformity.

This entire saga was triggered by AHPRA, which reportedly monitored Dr Kok’s online activity before the complaints were even filed. Once the case began, it followed a depressingly familiar pattern: a preventive suspension with no clinical justification, dragged out over years, with no clear pathway to resolution.

Who Is the Regulator Protecting?

The profession itself is funding this regime. Doctors pay mandatory registration fees that are being used by AHPRA to wage legal battles against members of their own profession. A lot of money has likely been spent on



Dr Jereth Kok (pictured)

litigation regarding a GP with no clinical complaints, in the pursuit of policing private speech. And if AHPRA exhausts its legal budget? They have the option to increase registration fees. There is limited accountability, insufficient financial transparency, and no real public audit of how these funds are spent—or wasted.

Meanwhile, the emotional toll of these investigations is devastating. Many health professionals report severe mental distress, and some have taken their own lives under the pressure of prolonged, dehumanising scrutiny. That Dr Kok has survived this ordeal and rebuilt a career outside of medicine is a remarkable testament to his

resilience. Many others, faced with the same circumstances, might not have made it.

Time to Stand Up

This is not just Dr Kok’s fight—it is the profession’s. If the medical community remains silent while regulators punish dissent, suppress lawful opinion, and operate without transparency or accountability, it opens the door to ideological enforcement masquerading as public safety.

There must be urgent reform. That includes:

- Independent oversight of AHPRA and medical tribunals
- Clear timelines for investigations and decisions
- Abolition of anonymous ideological complaints without clinical basis
- Limits on the regulator’s power

to initiate expensive litigation

- Protection of lawful speech, especially in private or non-clinical settings
- Financial transparency in the use of registration fees
- Support systems for practitioners under investigation

The Stakes Are High

The soul of the profession—its ability to reason, dissent, question, and speak freely—is now under threat. We cannot let what happened to Dr Kok happen again. It is time for doctors, across all specialties, to speak with one voice: Enough.

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For more than six years, Dr Kok has been barred from practising medicine – not for any clinical misconduct, not for harming a patient, but for a series of predominantly private online posts made years ago, many before any formal complaint was even lodged.

Dan Andrews Unmasked

By **GEOFF SHAW**

■ *Geoff Shaw, a businessman, accountant, and former MP for Frankston (2010–2014), was branded a "rogue, rebel, and maverick" by media and political opponents.*

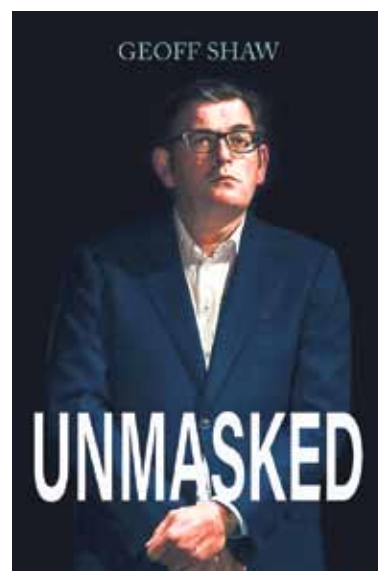
For nearly a decade, Daniel Andrews dominated Victorian politics like no other. He was the master of message, the architect of control, and the face of a government that believed it always knew best. *Dan Andrews Unmasked* is my account of how that power was built, how it was used, and the damage it left behind.

I wrote this book because it needed to be written—no one else was. I wrote it as someone who served inside Victoria's political system and saw firsthand how power can be twisted, concentrated, and abused. What I witnessed over those years—particularly through the pandemic—compelled me to write this record of what really happened to our state.

Dan Andrews Unmasked tells the story of how one man turned the "World's Most Liveable City" into the "World's Most Locked-Down State." Millions of Victorians were locked down, with thousands losing businesses, jobs, family connections, and, in some tragic cases, their lives. Andrews claimed it was all for our safety, but in truth it became about control: of movement, speech, protest, and even worship.

The book traces his journey from his early days as a career Labor politician to his rise as Premier in 2014, and to the height of his power during the Covid years. Each chapter explores a defining trait of Andrews' rule: *Decisive Dan*, *Dictator Dan*, *Deeply Divisive Dan*. I examine the policies that defined him: the billion-dollar East-West Link cancellation, soaring state debt, the moral issues of abortion and euthanasia, and the relentless social engineering that replaced freedom of conscience with government-approved ideology.

What emerges is not just a critique of one man, but a warning



about what happens when a society hands over too much trust to its politicians. Victoria became a test case for Western civilisation—for how fear can be used to justify almost anything: censorship, discrimination, police overreach, and the silencing of dissent.

This is a history book. It is a factual, chronological account of

what happened in Victoria under Daniel Andrews—the decisions made, the consequences felt, and the lessons we must not ignore. It's a record of what we endured and a reminder that freedom, once surrendered, is not easily reclaimed.

Whether you admired or despised Daniel Andrews, *Unmasked* gives you a view from inside the

system—unfiltered, unafraid, and unapologetic. It's about more than politics; it's about the soul of Victoria, and what kind of state we want to be. Read it. Question it. Share it. Just don't forget what we lived through—or who made it happen.

■ *Available now at www.danandrewsunmasked.com*

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Not Just the Water We Drink

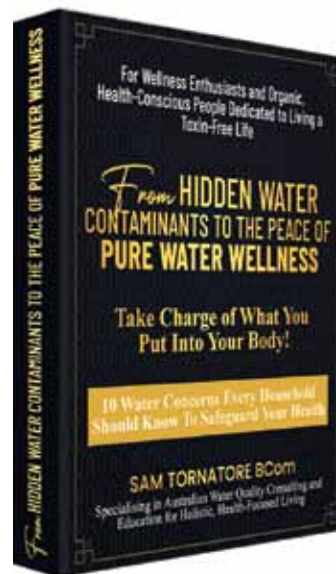
A book review by **JERRY ROBERTS**

■ *Jerry Roberts is a Western Australian journalist.*

In a short book, consultant Sam Tornatore alerts health-conscious Australians to household water supply concerns that extend beyond their drinking water. The booklet begins with the high chlorine levels in Australian water due to the long distances our water travels in pipelines. The Queensland-based water quality consultant often finds household chlorine levels above those in swimming pools. This is the water in which people shower and wash

their organic vegetables although they may filter their drinking water.

From Hidden Water Contaminants to the Peace of Pure Water Wellness is the title of the booklet, with a sub-heading: *10 Water Concerns Every Household Should Know to Safeguard Your Health*. The writer notes that concerns about PFAS—"forever chemicals"—in our water are well justified. Australia's regulatory response to this danger has been slow. He devotes chapters to heavy metals, fluoride, microplastics, sediment, medications and hormones,



herbicides and pesticides. A contributing danger out of sight and out of mind is the age of

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underground pipes in many Australian locations.

Sam Tornatore quotes his Aunt Vincenzina, who often reminded him in Italian: *Quanta vale e saludi—value our health*. "She always said it with emphasis, reminding me that health is the most valuable thing we can have. Everything else pales in comparison." This thought-provoking booklet is available through Amazon and through the email address, admin@cleanmywater.com.au or the website www.cleanmywater.com.au

Data Challenges Dogma: An Inconvenient Study

An Inconvenient Study (2025), directed by Kris Armstrong and produced by Del Bigtree, explores health outcomes between vaccinated and unvaccinated children. Based on a suppressed study, the film features controversial voices and challenges mainstream narratives.

Following are excerpts from the study document, *Impact of Childhood Vaccination on Short and Long-Term Chronic Health Outcomes in Children: A Birth Cohort Study*:

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This association was primarily driven by asthma, atopic disease, eczema, autoimmune disease and neuro-developmental disorders

This suggests that in certain children, exposure to vaccination may increase the likelihood of

developing a chronic health condition, particularly for one of these conditions.

A total of 18,468 consecutive subjects met eligibility criteria for the study, of which 1,957 had no exposure to vaccination and 16,511

had received at least one vaccine during their enrollment in the plan with various levels of exposure.

There were no chronic health conditions associated with an increased risk in the unexposed group. The overall probability of being free of a chronic health condition at 10-years of follow up was 43% in the group exposed to vaccination and 83% in the unexposed group.

This study, to our knowledge, includes the largest cohort of children completely unexposed to vaccination, with observation in some subjects up to 18 years.

■ *Read the study, watch the documentary at <https://www.aninconvenientstudy.com/>*

Global Snapshot

An Overview of International News

AUSTRALIA: \$13 MILLION FOR MACHETE BINS

In September 2025, the Victorian Government in Australia enacted a statewide ban on machetes with an amnesty period and the establishment of a network of 45 machete drop-off bins at police stations. The program cost the government \$13 million AUD. Despite being a modern developed Australian state, the measure was initially suspected of being discriminatory toward sugar cane workers, but subsequently clarified as being solely a crime prevention measure aimed to take dangerous weapons off the streets.

DYSTOPIAN CLOWN SHOW: FATHER TED ARRESTED IN UK

Graham Linehan, the Irish co-creator of the television comedy series *Father Ted*, was arrested in London in September 2025 for posting three social media posts on X regarding gender-critical views. He was detained by five armed Metropolitan Police officers, held in a cell, questioned and released on bail with conditions prohibiting him from using X while in the UK. Linehan described the actions of the UK authorities as a “dystopian clown show” and his arrest sparked widespread criticism from the media and leaders across the political spectrum from Nigel Farage (Reform UK) to Zack Polanski (Green Party, England and Wales). The UK Parliament reports that 30 people are arrested every day in the UK for posting on social media.

NEPAL: SOCIAL MEDIA BAN SPARKS GOVERNMENT OVERTHROW

On 4 September 2025, Nepal banned 26 social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, X, WhatsApp, igniting protests by the ‘Gen Z protest’ movement. It was Nepal’s worst unrest in decades led by young demonstrators against government corruption and the social media ban. On 8 September 2025, some 19 protesters were killed in clashes with police outside the parliament in Kathmandu. The next day, thousands stormed the Federal Parliament destroying property, vehicles and setting fire to ministers’ homes, government buildings and the Supreme Court. The casualty toll includes reports of 72 dead, over 2,000 injured and Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli being forced to resign.

MADAGASCAR: GEN Z COUP D’ETAT

In October 2025, Madagascar experienced a military coup triggered by weeks of youth-led protests against widespread power and water shortages, long-standing corruption and poverty.

The unrest known as ‘Gen Z Madagascar’ drew inspiration from similar global uprisings, such as the September coup in Nepal. Elite units of the Madagascar military sided with the protestors in a mutiny, ousting long-time President Andry Rajoelina and being replaced with Colonel Michael Randrianirina as interim leader. Reports indicate at least 22 deaths and hundreds of injuries resulted from violence during the coup.

NORD STREAM PIPELINE BOMBER SUSPECT FREED

A Ukrainian underwater diving suspect, Volodymyr Zhuravlyov, who had been arrested in Poland on a German warrant for allegedly planting the explosives in the Nord Stream pipeline, was released from custody in October 2025. A Polish court denied Germany’s extradition request, citing insufficient evidence and national interests, while shielding Ukraine from further scrutiny. This has fuelled accusations of a cover-up involving deep states of Western allies, with no charges filed to date. On 26 September 2022, underwater explosions damaged three of the four Nord Stream pipelines in the Baltic Sea, halting Russian natural gas flows to Europe amid the Russia-Ukraine war.

GAZA UPDATE: PEACE AGREEMENT

The Gaza Peace Treaty is a U.S.-brokered ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, announced by President Donald Trump on 8 October 2025, to end the two-year Gaza war that began on 7 October 2023. It marks the first phase of a 20-point roadmap aimed at halting hostilities, releasing captives, and establishing interim governance in Gaza. Hamas had released all 20 remaining living Israeli hostages (plus bodies of deceased ones) in exchange for Israel freeing some 2,000 Palestinian prisoners and detainees. Violations of the agreement have occurred since the agreement took effect, although overall large-scale fighting in the region has ceased.

END OF THE CARBON SCAM? BILL GATES REBRANDS

The Trump administration blocked the International Maritime Organisation’s (IMO) global carbon dioxide levy on shipping emissions at the October 2025 meeting, denouncing it as an unfair “global carbon tax” that would raise shipping costs. The U.S. threatened tariffs and sanctions, leading to a 57–49 vote to delay implementation for at least a year, undermining IMO’s net-zero goals. The U.S. vowed non-compliance, prioritising economic interests over climate commitments.

Interestingly, soon after Bill Gates publicly reversed his previous doomsday alarmism, stating now that climate change “will not lead to humanity’s demise” with some speculating this is the end of the net-zero agenda.

SKYFALL MISSILES: RUSSIAN/UKRAINE WAR

The most recent development in Russian missile technology is the successful test of the 9M730 Burevestnik (nicknamed Skyfall by NATO), a nuclear-powered intercontinental cruise missile, announced by President Vladimir Putin in October 2025. The final test, conducted on 21 October in the Arctic and powered by a nuclear air-breathing engine, Putin hailed it as an “invincible” weapon that no other nation possesses. Timing aligns with U.S.–Russia tensions over Ukraine and various estimates put the death toll for both Russia and Ukraine at over a million casualties since the war openly commenced in 2022.

SLAVIC FRONT CONFRONTS “EU MADNESS”

In October 2025, Prime Minister of Slovakia Robert Fico called for forming a “Slavic Front”—an alliance of Central European states namely the Visegrad Group (Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic) to counter what he described as EU “madness”. This initiative targets opposition to EU’s policies concerning funding the Russian/Ukraine war, carbon taxes, migration and bureaucratic overreach from Brussels. Fico and other European allies view various EU policies as leading Europe into war and social and economic decline.

NIGERIAN CHRISTIANS

On 31 October 2025, U.S. President Donald Trump designated Nigeria a “Country of Particular Concern” for religious freedom violations, claiming Christianity there faces an “existential threat” due to thousands of Christians being killed by radical Islamists. Trump also threatened to cut all U.S. aid to Nigeria, ordering the Pentagon to plan potential military action “guns-a-blazing” to eliminate the perpetrators and warning of a “fast, vicious, and sweet” response if the Nigerian government fails to act. Nigeria’s President Bola Tinubu rejected the claims; however, the conflict has seen millions of Christians displaced, tens of thousands killed—with over 7,000 reported killings so far in 2025. Pop star Nicki Minaj publicly thanked President Trump for this action on Nigeria.

SABRE RATTLING OVER VENEZUELA

U.S. President Donald Trump has escalated U.S. pressure on Venezuela’s government under Nicolás Maduro, declaring it as a “war on drugs” while pursuing broader regime change. To date, the U.S. has deployed 10 warships (including a nuclear submarine, destroyers, and the USS Gerald Ford aircraft carrier) to the Caribbean, including thousands of marines and sailors, B-52 bombers, and F-35 jets. CIA covert operations have been authorised inside Venezuela and there has been some 10 strikes on alleged drug boats off Venezuela’s coast, killing some 43 people. Trump has labelled Maduro a “narco-terrorist” and issued a bounty of \$50 million USD for his arrest. Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Machado has praised Trump’s actions as “absolutely correct”.

AUSTRALIAN LIBERAL PARTY DROPS NET ZERO

On 13 November 2025, the Australian Liberal Party formally abandoned its policy of achieving net zero emissions by 2050 aligning with its coalition partner, the National Party, which had dropped the policy earlier in the month. The United States, Russia and Argentina, have also abandoned net zero while China remains the worlds’ largest emitter of CO₂. On 7 November 2025, Australian Senator Malcolm Roberts reiterated that net zero policies “have no scientific basis” and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) admitted “they have never said that human carbon dioxide is a danger” and that “today’s temperatures are not unprecedented”.

SOMETHING IS ROTTEN IN THE STATE OF DENMARK: COW FART POLICY

In October 2025, the Danish government mandated the use of Bovaer, a feed additive for dairy herds intended to reduce methane emissions from cows. Non-compliance includes heavy fines, and this EU-approved chemical compound inhibits a digestive enzyme to lower animal gas production. However, after implementation, reports emerged from some 1,400 affected farms of severe adverse effects with farmers reporting collapses, illnesses, drop in milk production, miscarriages and deaths of their animals. In Australia, Bill Gates has invested in similar methods through so-called climate tech companies. The anti-fart additive Bovaer has been called safe and effective (sound familiar?), however, Danish farmers have called for an immediate nationwide halt of its use.

Letters to the Editor



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GOOGLE AND MICROSOFT

Dear Editor,

From December 2025, Australians may be locked out of their digital lives unless they submit to digital ID verification. Google and Microsoft now require biometric ID just to access personal data—emails, cloud storage, business records, maps, even paid accounts.

This is not a tech upgrade. It’s digital coercion—a coordinated push to funnel every user into biometric surveillance under the guise of “safety.” But when access to your digital life depends on compliance, that’s not safety. That’s control.

The pressure is already mounting. As of 1 November 2025, banks can demand digital ID verification, tying access to your finances to biometric compliance. And on 10 December, the government’s “Social Media Minimum Age” framework begins, further tightening control over online identity and access.

Fortunately, there are alternatives. Brave Browser offers privacy-first browsing with built-in ad and tracker blocking. ProtonMail and Tutanota provide encrypted, anonymous email outside Five Eyes surveillance. Nextcloud gives you decentralised cloud storage, and LibreOffice replaces Microsoft Office—free and open-source.

The solution? Disconnect before the system owns you. Reclaim your digital autonomy. It’s a test of how far people will go to stay connected—even if it means surrendering privacy, freedom, and control. The choice is ours. Resist the mandate. Choose platforms that respect your rights. Recommended viewing on X @LizGunn pinned post “Digital ID Your Future is at Stake.” Watch at <https://x.com/lizgunnnz/>

Sincerely, Bron Holm, QLD.

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