

Wuhan Cover-Up

120 Global Biolabs Confirmed

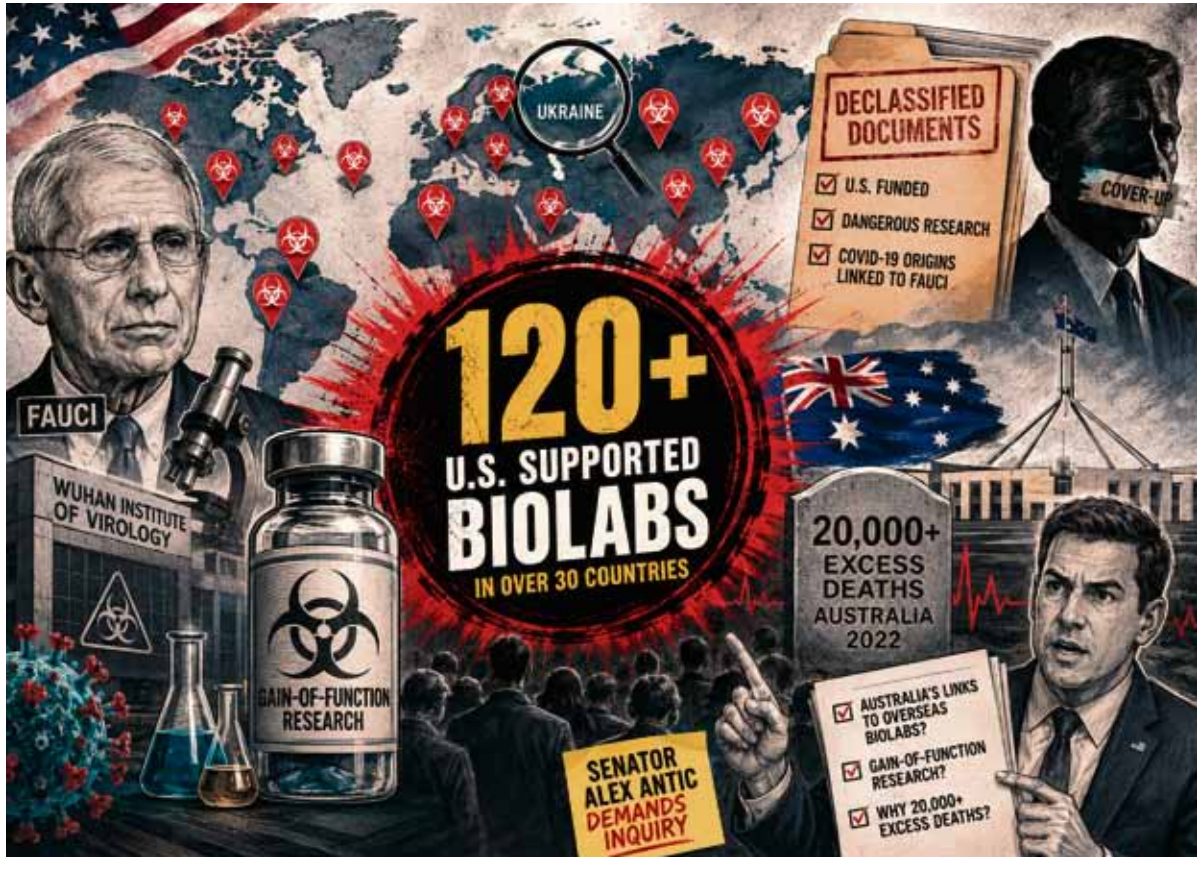
Australian Senator Requests Inquiry into Australia's 20,000+ Excess Deaths

By SCOTT JOHNSON

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The outgoing US Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Tulsi Gabbard dropped a bombshell on 18 June 2026 putting the final nail in the coffin to the so-called natural origin theory of the COVID-19 pandemic. Director Gabbard released a trove of declassified files on her final days in office confirming the US funded dangerous biological research and that the origins of COVID-19 were directly linked to Dr. Anthony Fauci. The documents highlighted US taxpayer funding by the National Institutes of Health and other agencies for “dangerous” Gain-Of-Function research on coronaviruses at the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China. The



documents also identified over 120 US supported biolabs in over 30 countries including Ukraine. Initially the Covid pandemic's origins were widely attributed to contact with bats or pangolins and the ‘natural origin’ theory at the Wuhan seafood market became the dominant narrative pushed by authorities and the mainstream media.

The document release, however, confirmed what many sceptics knew all along - namely that the cover-up was intended to hide gain-of-function (bioweapons) research and the disastrous global consequences of US funding being linked to the Wuhan lab. Essentially the ‘first pillar’ of the COVID-19 lies (the natural origin narrative) is defunct and Gabbard further accused Fauci of lying to Congress noting his communications with intelligence agencies (FBI, CIA, DIA) involved efforts to falsely shape Covid origin messaging. In an official statement, Gabbard stated “Despite the obvious

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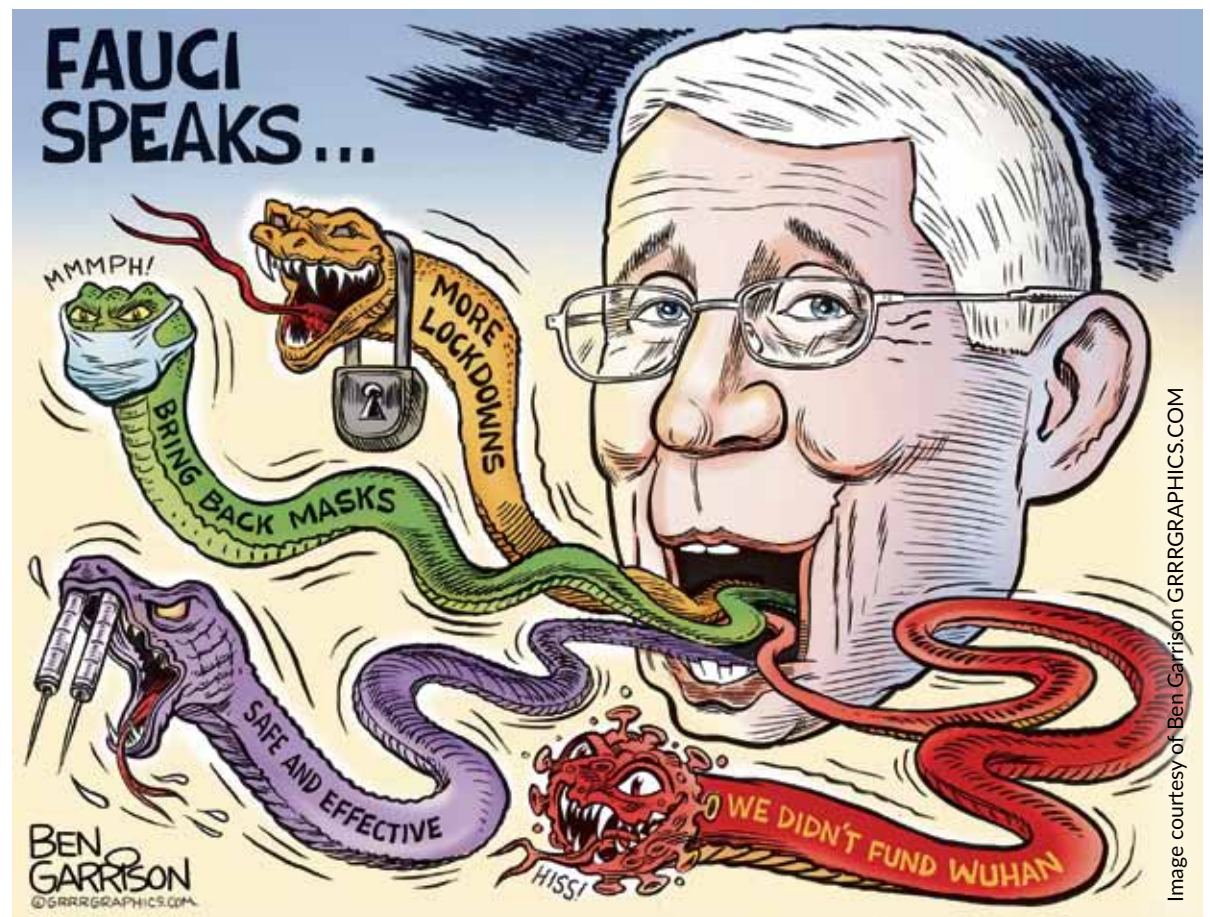
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FAUCI (noun) = SICKLE

Believe it or not, the word “FAUCI” is a Sicilian (or Southern Italian) surname that literally translates to “sickle”, which is a scythe-like harvesting blade. Some references list the name “Fauci” as a “sickle maker” or “someone who used a sickle”. The literary figure known as the “Grim Reaper” is also traditionally known for carrying a (Fauci) sickle/scythe to “harvest” human souls. As the personification of death in Western culture, the Grim Reaper certainly evokes comparisons with Fauci and his lies associated with the disastrous consequences (especially excess deaths and injuries) caused by the COVID-19 crisis.



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potential for catastrophic global impact research on dangerous pathogens in biolabs can have, politicians, so-called health professionals like Dr. Fauci, and entities within the Biden administration's national security team lied to the American people about the existence of U.S.-funded and supported biolabs, and threatened those who attempted to expose the truth. ODNI will continue to work closely with partners across the government to identify where these labs are, what pathogens they contain to end dangerous Gain-of-Function research that threatens the health and wellbeing of the American people and people around the world.”

Gabbard noted that US President Donald Trump signed an executive order in May 2025 ending all US federal funding (worldwide) of gain-of-function research. The Covid response undertaken by most Western governments (although Sweden was an exception) was catastrophic with substantive allegations of governmental overreach, medical corruption, fraudulent health measures, official lies—and vaccine deaths and injuries. The question of excess deaths (globally) that coincided with the vaccine mandates remains shrouded in controversy today, with Australia for example having experienced over 20,000 excess deaths in 2022 alone.



Australian Senator Alex Antic Demands Probe into Potential Australian Links and Excess Deaths

Senator Alex Antic was one of the few brave Australian Senators who originally spoke out about Australia's mismanaged health response during the Covid pandemic and on 24 and 25 June 2026 he responded to Gabbard's release by submitting two motions for further investigation by Australian authorities. The first was a (Biosecurity) Order for the Production of Documents on Australia's potential involvement in overseas high-containment biological labs, gain-of-function research and related activities. The Order was directed to the Department of Health, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Department of Defence, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation and the Office of National Intelligence.

Senator Antic's second motion was an Order compelling the Australian Minister for Health and Ageing to produce all documents explaining Australia's increased mortality rate from January 2020 to December 2025. It specifically sought details on health conditions linked to excess deaths, non-Covid causes, links to lockdowns/border closures, and connections to COVID-19 vaccinations. He cited sustained 10–15% excess mortality above the normal baseline. Senator Antic is no stranger to questioning the excess

deaths issue and back in February 2023 during Senate Estimates, he questioned Dr. John Skerritt the (then) head of the Therapeutic Goods Administration about two Australian children, aged 7 and 9, who died from heart attacks, after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. It is noted that Australian journalist Alison Bevege has reported that 35 Australians died the same day they received the Covid vaccine and over 300 died within a week of receiving the injection.

Unfortunately, the two motions tabled by Senator Antic failed to pass (on the 24th and 25th of June 2026) with Antic stating it was “voted down by Labor, the Greens and some of the independent crossbench”. To date only one person Dr. David Morens (in the US) who was Fauci's chief adviser has been criminally charged over the Covid cover-up. US Senator Rand Paul, chair of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, has issued a subpoena forcing Fauci to testify before the committee on 29 July 2026. For Australia the scrutiny of excess deaths being linked to Covid vaccines may be the motivation to bury the issue, but Senator Antic has vowed to continue seeking the truth regarding the mystery of Australia's 20,000+ excess deaths in 2022.

■ **See News Release: Office of the Director of National Intelligence News Release No. 10-26 June 12, 2026, DNI Gabbard Reveals Evidence of U.S. Taxpayer-Funded Global Biolab Program.**

■ **See motions introduced by Senator Alex Antic, Senate Debates: 24 June 2026 - Biosecurity; Order for the Production of Documents and 25 June 2026 - Health Care; Order for the Production of Documents.**

Fire the Liar – Albanese's Broken Promises and Political Deception

By **STEVEN TRIPP**

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"We have no plans to touch or change negative gearing," said Anthony Albanese in a Sky News interview seven months before the 2025 Federal election.

The host was sceptical of the response as Albanese had already backflipped on changing the stage 3 tax cuts. Alarming, prior to that backflip, Albanese declared, "I've always been a man of my word... People are entitled to have that certainty of the tax cuts that have been legislated and we won't be changing them".

Of course, politicians are entitled to change their minds if situations change, just as John Howard did with the GST. The difference was, Howard courageously took the



change to an election.

Meanwhile, when asked whether he would 'touch capital gains tax or negative gearing' during the election campaign, Albanese replied, "Yes. How hard is it? For the 50th time," only to backflip post-election.

The budget backflip has delivered significant changes to negative gearing and the capital gains tax (CGT) discount. These measures limit negative gearing on residential property to new builds from 2027-28 (with grandfathering for existing investments). Labor

has also replaced the 50% CGT discount with inflation-adjusted indexation, plus a 30% minimum tax rate on gains from mid-2027.

Labor argues this will redirect investor capital toward new housing supply and help first-home buyers.

However, critics view this as another breach of trust, which is becoming a theme of the Albanese Government.

Compounding these perceptions of deceit was Labor's post-budget deal struck with the Greens, which is a clear attack on aspirational Aussies.

In exchange for support in the Senate, Labor has agreed to the banning of self-managed superannuation funds (SMSFs) from using limited recourse borrowing arrangements (LRBAs) to purchase residential property.

Therefore, Australians can no longer use SMSF provisions to purchase residential property,

but foreign buyers remain able to purchase these properties without equivalent restrictions.

The need to horse-trade with the Greens in the Senate for key budget legislation has fuelled accusations of inconsistency and weakness, especially since Albanese declared ahead of the election, "There'll be no deals with the Greens. I want a majority Labor government", when asked if he would form a Labor/Greens coalition.

Public anger to the budget has been swift. One Nation's "Fire the Liar" campaign, highlighting Albanese's deceit, has raised millions in donations.

Speaking on the success of the campaign, One Nation leader Pauline Hanson said, "Fire the liar and that's what people see him as—a liar."

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Albanese Oversees Worst Economic Numbers on Record

IPA media release from
DR KEVIN YOU

Date: 3 June 2026

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"The latest official economic data show once again that mass migration is making Australians poorer, and gaslighting from the Treasurer that the results are strong will only further drive anger," said Dr Kevin You, Senior Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs.

Today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics updated its *Australian National Accounts* data series with new data for the March quarter of 2026. IPA analysis of the data reveals:

■ **Per capita real gross domestic product (GDP) growth was negative 0.13 per cent in the March quarter of 2026.**

Aggregate real GDP growth was 0.27 per cent for the quarter.

■ **Ten out of the fifteen full quarters under the Albanese government has experienced a fall in per capita real economic output.**

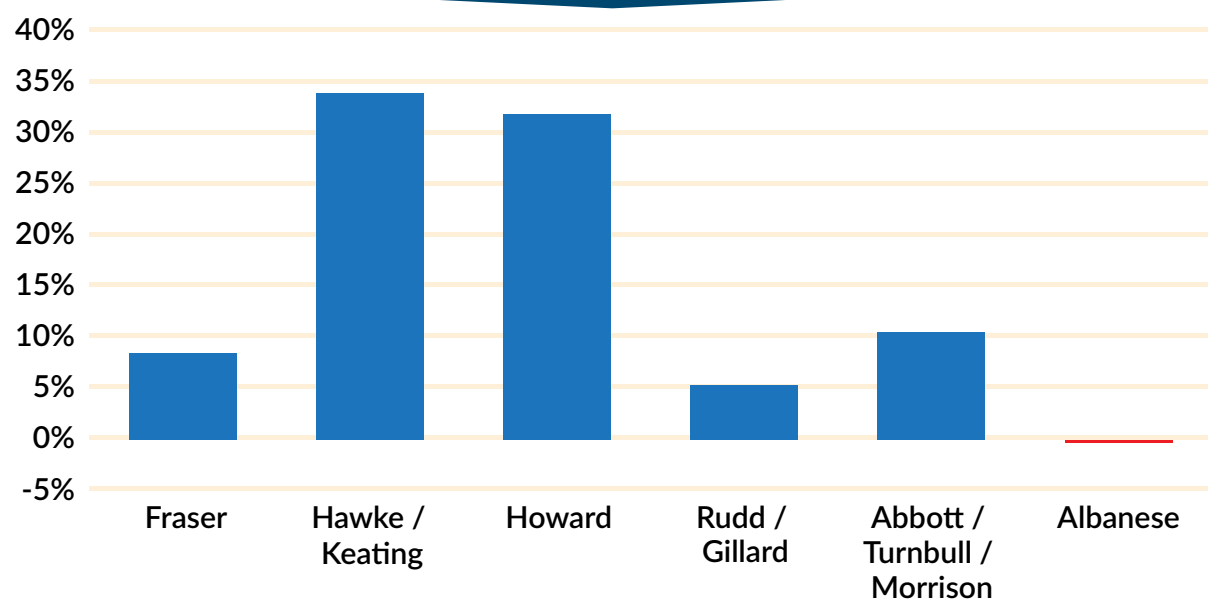
■ **Per capita real gross domestic product has grown by less than zero (-0.49 per cent) in real terms since the start of the Albanese government in the June quarter of 2022.**

"The Albanese government has overseen the worst set of economic numbers at least since digitised records began in the early 1970s."

"If mass migration is considered to be so good, then why are Australians getting poorer, for longer, than at any time in living memory?" said Dr You.

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Per Capita Economic Growth By Federal Government



Source: IPA analysis of ABS data

A Warning to Australians About Live Facial Recognition

By **SAY NO AUSTRALIA**

Police in Western Australia have deployed a trial of Overt Live Facial Recognition (OLFR) technology in Perth, biometrically scanning more than 130,000 men, women and children. That alone should alarm Australians—but even more concerning is the way its usage and safety are being presented to the public.

Let's be clear: AI facial recognition is an extreme form of surveillance. Around the world, civil liberties groups have documented its use in prisons, high security environments and jurisdictions with far heavier state control than Australia. It is a technology with enormous power, and its implications for a free

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Photo courtesy of Say NO Australia

society are profound.

WA Police Commissioner Col Blanch has spruiked the trial as a "success", claiming arrests were achieved using the technology. But of course, arrests can be made—the real question is at what cost. The intrusion is unacceptable. The complete loss of privacy is unprecedented in an Australian democratic context. Scanning the faces of the entire public to locate a handful of offenders is a level of surveillance Australians never agreed to.

Celebrating the capture of a few low priority offenders by deploying what many consider a dystopian technology is like using explosives to catch mice. It's excessive. And unlike dynamite, AI surveillance is silent and unseen, which makes

it even more concerning. Scanning everyone and identifying them in real time is a power that does not belong in a free society. It is excessive beyond imagination.

Australian authorities should not assume they have a mandate for this. The public has not been given a genuine opportunity to understand or debate the implications. The attempt to normalise live facial recognition is one of the most serious public interest issues of our time.

Australians must pay attention. And they must say **NO** before this technology becomes embedded in everyday life.

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Australia Tried to Tax Smoking Out of Existence

Now 80% of Tobacco Aussies Consume Is from the Black Market

Australia's war on smoking has become a case study in how prohibitionist policies create black markets, violence, and criminal power.

By **REEM IBRAHIM**

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The Australian government has spent the last decade introducing steep tax hikes to curb smoking, and, as a result, the country has the most expensive cigarettes in the world. The average price of mainstream cigarettes is 54.99 Australian dollars per pack (about USD\$40). But the eye-watering prices have driven people to the black market.

In 2025, an estimated 80 percent of the tobacco consumed in Australia was illegal, up from 12 percent in 2017, according to new analysis from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). The study, which is the first attempt by the Australian government to estimate the size of the black market, found that “prices for legal tobacco products have almost tripled since December 2016 driven by annual tobacco excise increases, while estimated prices of illicit tobacco products have remained relatively constant.” Since 2020, household spending on legal cigarettes and tobacco has almost halved, but between 2017 and 2025, the amount of nicotine

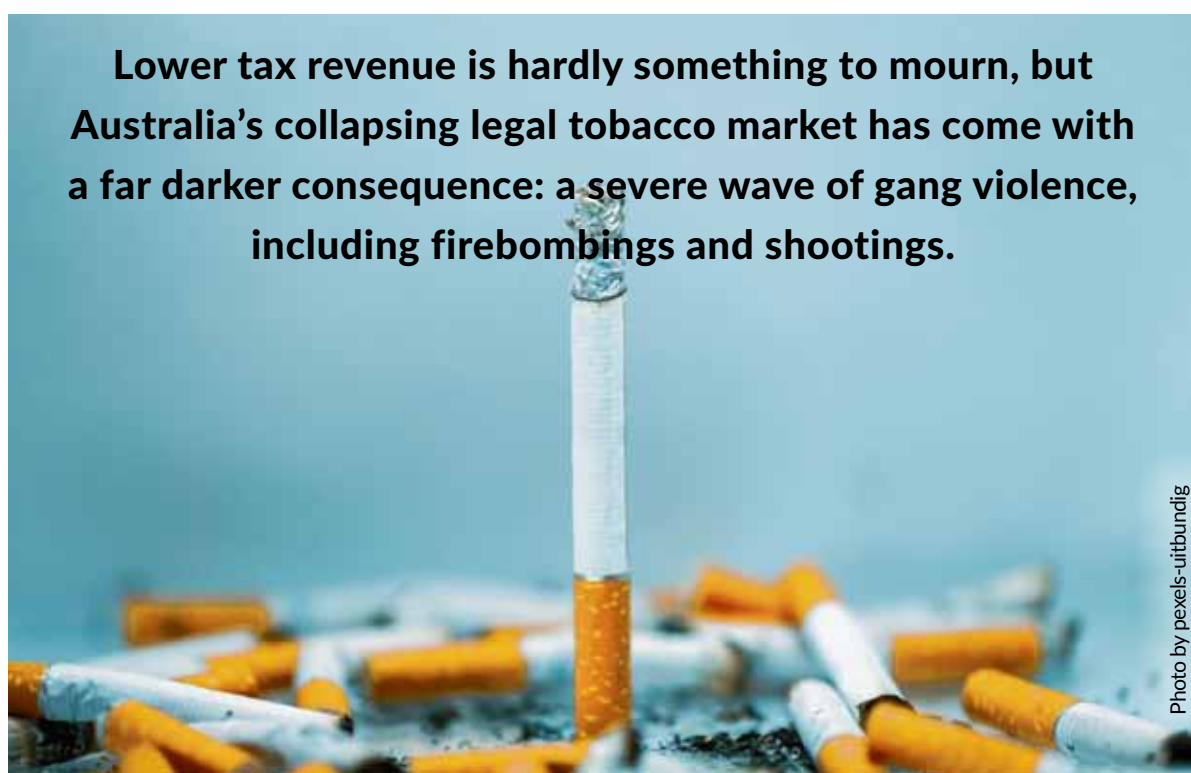


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consumed in Australia has risen by almost 40 percent.

Meanwhile, between 2016 and 2025, the price of legal cigarettes nearly tripled while tobacco duty revenue more than halved. As a result, the Australian Treasury has downgraded tobacco excise revenue by \$8 billion over the next five years in the latest federal budget.

Lower tax revenue is hardly something to mourn, but Australia's collapsing legal tobacco market has come with a far darker consequence: a severe wave of gang violence, including firebombings and shootings. Since 2023, organised crime groups linked to Australia's illicit tobacco and vape market have been tied to “more than 200 firebombings,” “at least 3 homicides,” and “multiple other non-fatal violent attacks,”

according to the Australian Intelligence Commission.

“It's hard to see how it could get any worse,” Rohan Pike, a former Australian Federal Police detective and Border Force member, tells *Reason*. Pike, who created and led Australia's Illicit Tobacco Strike Team, says the violence is now an “old-fashioned turf war” and that criminal gangs, attracted by the profits, are fighting to control distribution.

Pike says criminal groups are opening pop-up convenience stores, intimidating legitimate retailers into selling their products, and backing up those threats with “firebombings and other types of violence.” Organised crime syndicates have destroyed hundreds of tobacconists, convenience stores, and hospitality venues, forcing legitimate businesses

out. “Every part of the tobacco control policy is uncontrolled at the moment,” says Pike.

Public awareness of the black market rose last year when Katie Tangey, a “completely innocent” 27-year-old woman, was killed in Melbourne in a case of mistaken identity linked to the tobacco wars. “We know it is linked to the illegal tobacco trade. That's one thing we can say with a high degree of certainty,” Detective Inspector Chris Murray told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. “This was always our fear, that someone would die as a result of the tobacco wars and unfortunately this has come to fruition.”

“It is no surprise to me unfortunately that someone has died at the hands of individuals who use arson as a means of conducting

their criminality,” Murray added.

While this was a wake-up call to much of the public about the dangers of the illicit market, Pike says the crisis was already visible when he worked on tobacco enforcement at Border Force more than a decade ago. After Australia began “ramping up excise” from 2010, he says, the higher taxes gave criminals “a free kick into the market.” By 2015, his team was making arrests but soon realised “we weren't going to arrest our way out, because it was so big.”

In some cases, Pike says, the problem only worsened: “Some of those criminals who we put in jail came out and became bigger and better and became actually key players in the illicit market.” Pike points to Kazem Hamad, who was jailed for heroin smuggling, deported to Iraq, and then allegedly built a global crime syndicate “on his laptop from Iraq,” becoming “the major importer and distributor of illicit tobacco in Australia.”

“The government's policy has basically meant that we're putting our health in the hands of criminals,” he says.

Australia is yet another cautionary tale of what happens when the government polices the personal choices of adults and opens up a new front in the war on drugs. Even if the Australian government were to now reverse course and reduce tobacco taxes, illegal purchase has become normalised. It will be far more difficult to move customers out of the thriving black market that the taxes have created than it would have been in the first place.

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Australia Risks Depowering Its Energy Future

By **COURAGE IS THE CURE**

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Published by John Anderson AC on X in June 2026, Australian journalist Chris Uhlmann delivered an assessment of Australia's renewable energy transition. His comments land in a national moment where enthusiasm for the government imagined energy future is weakened by higher bills, stalled projects and transmission towers marching across paddocks.

Uhlmann offered a brief family comparison to illustrate how quickly dense energy transformed living

standards. His grandfather was born in 1899 in a Brisbane home with no electricity or running water. By the time he died in 1967, he owned a car, a refrigerator, a television and an indoor toilet—all made possible by fossil fuelled industrial progress.

Humanity did not burn fossil fuels to harm the environment, Uhlmann argued, but because dense energy created unprecedented wealth. Oil, the “densest, lightest fuel we have ever discovered,” powered industry and mobility. Today, however, Australia is consciously shifting from dense energy to dispersed energy sources.

“Is it any wonder that Australia's productivity has been declining in lockstep with the fact that we are building massive, unproductive assets?”

“We are depowering,” he warned, describing it as the first time in human history a nation has deliberately chosen worse energy sources than the ones it already had.

Australia contributes 1% of carbon emissions, he noted, while exporting eight times more coal than it burns. China now consumes more than half the world's coal, and global fossil fuel use continues to rise. “The world is not doing net zero,” Uhlmann said, pointing out that emissions have increased almost every year since the early 1990s.

Renewables cannot move energy across seasons or weeks, and there

will be periods when they deliver zero power for days. A second, fuel based system will still be required to keep society functioning.

The consequences, he said, are already visible. “Is it any wonder that Australia's productivity has been declining in lockstep with the fact that we are building massive, unproductive assets?” Meanwhile, Australia continues dismantling the energy system that made it prosperous, even as the rest of the world burns more fossil fuel than ever.

■ *Source <https://tinyurl.com/4dzpvpse>*

Nationwide Women's Rights Rally: Saga of Sall Grover Hits the Streets

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A nationwide rally in support of Australian entrepreneur Sall Grover, took place on Saturday, 4th of July, including in Perth at Forrest Place which attracted around 400 ralliers. A rally also occurred in Melbourne. Grover, Senator Pauline Hanson and Dr Jilian Spencer will be speaking at a Brisbane rally scheduled for the 12th of July. Both men and women attended the Perth rally, and all age groups were present. Rally organiser Jodie Jardine stated 'I started this rally as I couldn't stay silent anymore. I realised what Julia Gillard did back in 2013—my daughter came home from work and told me that a man wearing a long woman's overcoat was in her toilet, so I said to myself enough is enough.'

Supporters also gathered to call for changes to Australia's Sex Discrimination Act (Cth) following the highly publicised legal battle involving Grover and her women-only social networking platform, *Giggle for Girls*. Grover, the biological woman in the situation, lost the Federal Court case to a trans figure known as Roxanne Tickle. Kirralie Smith from *Binary* has offered the following statement in light of the saga:

'Laws surrounding biological sex in Australia defy the laws of God and nature. No human can change



Above: Supporters of Kirralie Smith and Sall Grover at the Perth rally. Left: Concerned Australia women, Leonie, Jodie and Trish. Below: The (heavenly) light shines down on Jodie (left holding the banner) as they began their march through Perth city. Photo courtesy of Minny Jackson.



sex. No man can become a woman. Saying you "feel" like a woman does not make you a woman. Males and females are created intentionally different. It is evidenced in our DNA, skeletal frames, hormonal system and reproductive system. To penalise women like Sall Grover or myself for stating evidence-backed facts is appalling. It puts women and girls at

risk of injury, humiliation, and harm.'

The Honourable Philip Scott from One Nation, who has been fighting 'woke policy' in WA's state parliament, also offered the following statement:

'It is hard to fathom what is going on in the minds of Labor and Green MPs who fail to stand for a safe environment for women in toilets,

prisons and sport.

Inevitably this will be twisted as an attack on transgender people but that is not the case. It is about accepting biological realities and ensuring that the legacy of women advocates over many years is not lost in a sea of woke activism.'

Supporters of the rally say the event is about more than one court

case. They argue it is an opportunity for Australians to voice concerns about the future of women's single-sex spaces, including changing rooms, sporting competitions, domestic violence refuges and other services established specifically for women.

Whether viewed primarily as a women's rights rally, a free speech event, or part of a wider national discussion about the future of Australia's anti-discrimination laws, the July 4 gathering drew significant attention from online communities although the mainstream media remained silent. As debate continues in the courts, Parliament, and the wider community, the issues raised by the Grover case are likely to remain an important part of Australia's public conversation surrounding free speech and biological realities, for the years ahead.

Why The Snowy Hydro 2.0 Cannot Be Stopped Despite Cost Blowout

By STEVEN TRIPP

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When former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull announced Snowy Hydro 2.0 in 2017, it was billed as a straightforward expansion of Australia's iconic hydroelectric scheme. The pumped hydro project would cost around \$2 billion, deliver 2,000 MW of capacity, and be operational by 2021, providing vital storage for the emerging renewable energy grid.

Nearly a decade later, the project is a stark example of one of Australia's biggest infrastructure miscalculations.

Recent independent analysis by economist Dr Bruce Mountain of

the Victoria Energy Policy Centre and former energy executive Ted Woodley now estimates the total cost at \$42 billion. This figure includes approximately \$20 billion in direct construction costs, \$12 billion for associated transmission infrastructure (such as HumeLink and VNI West), and \$8 billion in interest charges over the 15-year build time.

According to Woodley, the current scheduled completion date of December 2028 may now slip to 2032, further adding to the cost.

Calling for a Royal Commission, Dr Mountain said, "Snowy 2.0 is, and always was, a dreadful idea".

Despite the ballooning price tag, cancellation appears politically impossible. The Net Zero rollout requires an over-build of wind and solar projects to accommodate for

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the lack of energy production when the wind is not blowing and the sun is not shining.

When wind and sun are available however, the surge of electricity into the grid is far beyond what is required, thus the need for it to be stored. Battery technology, while growing rapidly, remains expensive for the scale and duration required to avoid blackouts.

Snowy 2.0 is designed as a colossal battery, providing 350 GWh of energy storage—which the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) says is more than half of the dispatchable energy storage that the National Electricity Market (NEM) will need to reach net zero by 2050.

Thus, Snowy 2.0's pumped hydro capacity is essential to the whole Net Zero rollout. The lack of

immediate large-scale alternatives means that without Snowy 2.0, Net Zero would fail. This essentially locks the project in, despite the ever-ballooning costs to the taxpayer.

Proponents argue that once operational, Snowy 2.0's 150-year design life will deliver long-term value. Detractors counter that taxpayers will foot the bill and be burdened with higher electricity prices, subsidies and increased taxes.

Either way, Snowy Hydro 2.0 has become 'too big to fail'—a cornerstone of the renewable rollout that politicians cannot easily walk away from, regardless of the final bill.

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Hey Presto — New ABS Model Extinguishes Evidence of Excess Deaths

By CLARE PAIN

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Australia had 3,200 fewer deaths than expected in 2024 and 3,800 fewer in 2025, according to a new excess mortality report from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). Its previous release had shown 8,700 more deaths than expected in 2023. This apparent turnaround results from a redefinition of ‘expected’ deaths.

Excess mortality is calculated by subtracting expected deaths from actual deaths. Actual deaths are counted, but expected deaths are projected from a historical baseline. Change the baseline or projection method, and the result can change dramatically.

The ABS previously used a Serfling model based on the seven years before the 2020 pandemic, i.e. the ‘old normal’. Despite criticism that it underestimated excess deaths, the model still showed an 11.7% peak in 2022, reducing to a still historically high 5.1% in 2023.

Normally, when a respiratory epidemic passes through a population, the spike in deaths is

followed by a deficit, because frail, mostly elderly, people have died a year early. Yet despite the 2022 peak being the highest since World War II, no mortality deficit appeared in 2023. This could mean that much of the excess mortality was caused by something other than the respiratory infection itself.

It is thus important to know whether a deficit occurred in 2024 or 2025. The Burnet Institute reported 7,600 excess deaths in the first 11 months of 2024. We have waited in vain for more than two years for the ABS to publish its 2024–25 Serfling results.

Instead, the Bureau has introduced a ‘Generalised Additive Model’ (GAM) using a rolling seven-year baseline that includes Covid years, apart from 2022. Because mortality was elevated during this period, the model projects higher expected deaths. A higher expectation makes continuing elevated mortality appear smaller and can even produce an apparent deficit—exactly what has happened.

The ABS says the change is justified because the pandemic was officially declared to have ended in May 2023. But where is the mortality deficit that normally marks the end of a respiratory epidemic? The ABS appears to accept a ‘new normal’ in which Covid is “a persistent contributor to mortality”. Enshrining high death rate years in the GAM inevitably extinguishes the true excess mortality and removes the impetus for the Department of Health, Disability

Excess mortality as a percentage above expected by cause of death, 2020-23

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Australia	-3.1	1.6	11.7	5.1
Cancer	-1.3	0.3	0.6	0.4
Lung cancer	-2.2	0.6	3.2	1.2
Blood and lymph cancer	-0.7	1.4	-1.7	-6.7
Colorectal and anal cancers	3.9	2.3	0.7	2.1
Dementia, including Alzheimer's disease	-6.3	-3.2	-0.3	-7.6
Ischaemic heart disease	-4.0	2.3	14.1	6.7
Cerebrovascular diseases	-5.4	-1.0	1.0	-2.2
Other cardiac conditions	-4.5	3.8	8.9	5.9
Diabetes	4.5	4.7	14.9	9.4
Kidney diseases	8.3	12.2	21.0	16.8
Respiratory diseases	-21.6	-16.9	-8.7	-11.9
External causes (excluding accidental falls)	-5.5	-8.2	-3.2	-7.5
Accidental falls	-0.5	3.5	5.3	-1.7
Liver diseases	6.4	11.1	21.3	13.3
Alcohol-induced conditions	9.5	16.4	27.8	18.8

and Aging to investigate any actual ongoing excess.

What numbers would the ABS get if they ran the Serfling model for 2024 and 2025? Independent analyst Colin Millen estimates 8,800 excess deaths in 2024 and 7,600 in 2025, using the Serfling baseline. His 2024 estimate broadly aligns with Burnet’s

figure. Far from showing an epidemic-signature deficit, the Covid era appears to have a long tail of excess deaths.

Getting the official ABS Serfling numbers would, I believe, confirm that Australia is experiencing a highly unusual ‘long-tailed pandemic’—which may not be a respiratory pandemic at all. If so, all

hypotheses for factors capable of causing long-term harm need to be rigorously examined, including mass immunisation with novel genetic vaccines. The ABS should not hold back the Serfling results for 2024 and 2025 any longer.

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Covid Justice for NSW Sacked Police Officers

By HON. JOHN RUDDICK MLC

The numbers are unclear, but our best estimates are that just prior to the Covid hysteria there were around 17,000 sworn officers in the New South Wales (NSW) Police Force. Of them, around 250 wisely chose not to have the Warp Speed COVID-19 ‘vaccine’ and courageously lost their jobs on a matter of principle. During the anti-lockdown protests I met several of these cops who were sacked and they all struck me as the finest police officers I had met.

In the 2023 NSW election, the slogan of the Libertarian Party was the Five Cs: Cuts, Coal, Capitalism, Colour Blind Laws and Covid Justice. Thus, in my 2023 maiden speech to parliament I said, “In the gallery today are Stephen Kelly and Roland Crystal, longstanding police officers who were sacked for not submitting to the Big Pharma State. I understand new police recruits are not asked about their vax status but those stood down are not yet reinstated. I urge the Minns-Sharpe Government to follow the lead of jurisdictions around the world and remove those pointless, cruel vaccines.”

I assumed a new Labor Government wouldn’t care too much about reversing a Liberal Party policy of sacking cops for refusing the Covid vax but once sworn in, I would have to raise this issue privately with senior Labor figures who were utterly disinterested in discussing the topic. I asked them, “Surely by now you don’t think the Covid vax is any good?” But all I got was blank stares.

Budget Estimates is a good opportunity for crossbenchers to ask questions of ministers and senior bureaucrats and so I asked the Police Minister and the former Police Commissioner Karen Webb about whether they were considering reinstating the sacked

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Covid cops. More blank stares. But then last September (2025) Mal Lanyon was announced as the new Police Commissioner in NSW and before he was sworn in, he was interviewed by Ben Fordham on 2GB. Fordham had pushed



Covid scepticism as far he as could without corporate media sacking him during the Covid hysteria. While the courage of others found themselves de-platformed, we would need one or two sane voices to remain on air and on 24 September last year, Fordham boldly asked Lanyon: “Those police officers who did not take the Covid vax and who lost their jobs, would you consider reinstating them?” Lanyon replied, “I think it’s one of those things I need to look at, to be honest, Ben. It’s not a subject I’ve considered right at this time, coming into the role, but happy to consider it.”

Five months later at Budget Estimates in February 2026 I quoted the above exchange with Fordham to Lanyon and asked him, “Have you considered it?” Lanyon indicated that he had but that the Covid cops would not be reinstated. That morning as I was leaving my office, heading down to Budget Estimates, one of my staff suggested, “Hey John, if Lanyon says no to Covid cops—ask him if he’d be willing to meet with some of the families of the Covid cops so they can tell

them how this has affected them.” I thought that’s pretty smart, he’ll likely say yes to meeting them because he won’t want to appear heartless. Sure enough the new Police Commissioner agreed in public and under oath to meet with the families. That commitment evolved into a series of discussions between myself and my colleague, Hon Rod Roberts MLC and the Police Commissioner. While unclear it seems that of the 250 sacked Covid cops about 55 want their jobs back. The others have moved on, but many would want the 181D classification removed from their employment record (effectively a dishonourable discharge).

This week 2026 Commissioner Lanyon restated on the Ben Fordham Show that he is preparing documentation to offer ‘some’ of the Covid cops their jobs back. The long wait continues but there is, however, some light at the end of the tunnel.

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The Big Picture of Extraordinary Evil in 428 Words

By **JEFFREY A. TUCKER**

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Life seemed to be going along pretty normally when the third month of 2020 hit and all our lives, and the lives of billions around the world, were thrown into upheaval. We've spent the last six years trying to figure it out and so have many others.

The revelations are flying fast and furious, so much that we can hardly keep up. We have meetings, groups, publications, phone calls, and share as many links and data

points as we can. No matter what we do, the big story continues to be elusive.

There are two reasons for this. First, the national media does not care. It happened. It's over. We survived. Who cares? Second, the reality is literally incomprehensible. Too many data points. Too many institutions. Too many motivations. They all flew into motion at once. Separating prime from second movers is impossible.

Those who try to make sense of it all come across like conspiracy theorists at best and babbling lunatics at worst. I don't like to sound this way. But every time I try to present what I know in a calm, rational, wholly reasonable way, I sense that I'm not capturing the fullness of it all.

What I've attempted below is my best undertaking at reconstruction. It has no links so I invite you to use the AI tool on

this website that has been trained by 4,000-plus site records and countless numbers of outside links.

If it sounds implausible, I can only assure you that it is not. You might know more than I do and could write something better. If so, drop me an email and we might publish a compendium. The goal is short (no longer than 500 words), evocative, comprehensive, no exaggerations, and verifiably accurate.

Here is my own attempt.

In 2019 or before, a US-funded biolab in Wuhan, China, one of some 120 in 30 countries, made a virus and inoculation based on an American recipe that leaked and spread, causing worry that US/UK officials would be blamed. They formulated a well-rehearsed fallback: lie about the lab origins and prepare the population for the antidote based on a new gene-editing technology that otherwise would never have been approved on grounds that it was too dangerous and not effective. That scheme could turn would-be villains into saviors.

That required buying time while preserving pre-leak immunity profiles of the population via lockdowns for nine months until the injection was put through perfunctory trials

and available; hence the travel restrictions, stay-at-home orders, masks, distancing, and canceled events.

During this time there had to be mass censorship of people who caught on, a manufactured panic, widespread trauma, school closures, a removal of other therapeutic options, millions of business failures, a shutdown of the arts and religious practice, plus various technical manipulations along the way like redefining exposures as cases, running PCR tests at high cycle rates, and paying for death misclassifications. This was essentially cosplaying a level of severity that did not exist – despite inevitably rising seroprevalence and natural immunity – in order to ramp

up demand for the incoming pharmaceutical product.

There was also a political coattail rider: infectious disease panic enabled a new experiment in mail-in ballots, encouraged by the CDC even before the lockdowns began, thus unleashing mass ballot fraud designed to defeat the rise of populism in all countries and creating conditions for closer citizen surveillance and digital identification systems necessitating mass data centers.

The scheme also required a printing/spending binge to paper over vast economic damage, policies that would hack off a third of the value of the dollar, leaving vast carnage, but permitting an indemnified pharmaceutical experiment on the whole population, meaning that

mass injury and death would have no recourse in law. When the shot finally appeared, uptake was too low to create the expected profit windfall, plus government had a surplus it needed to dump before expiration, thus triggering urban segregation in five major US cities plus mandates for millions enforced on pain of losing their jobs.

The entire time, most of academia, corporate America, and major media played along for reasons of careerism and also overt and implicit threats from Deep-State actors to do their part lest they prolong the pandemic they created. No one has been punished for any of it, and the mainstream media has no interest at this late date.



That's my version. It comes in at 428 words and covers the high points of what can be verified. What's your version? Write me at tucker@brownstone.org

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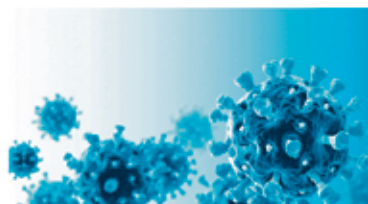
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Australia's 20,000+ Excess Deaths

COVID-19 Mortality Working Group: Confirmation of 20,000 excess deaths for 2022 in Australia

By Mortality Sub-Committee
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Catch up on the Actuaries Institute's COVID-19 Mortality Working Group's latest analysis of excess deaths.

In summary:

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The Actuaries Institute (the peak body for actuaries in Australia) reported a 12% increase in excess deaths for 2022 with a total figure of +20,200 deaths. The Australian Bureau of Statistics reported Australia's excess mortality for 2022 was 11.7% above expected levels (nationwide) with specific highs of 18.4% in the Northern Territory.

During the first eight months of 2022, excess mortality was reported at 14.1% higher than expected. Australian journalist Alison Bevege reported that 35 Australians actually died the same day they got the jabs and that over 300 died within a week of getting the jab. Of the 20,000+ excess deaths in 2022, some 10,000 of these are claimed (by

the Actuaries Institute) to be from Covid and some 2,900 are "related deaths"—but that still leaves some 7,000 unaccounted for and it begs the question—*what did these 7,000 Australians die of?*

■ <https://www.actuaries.asn.au/research-analysis/covid-19-mortality-working-group-confirmation-of-20-000-excess-deaths-for-2022-in-australia>



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AUSTRALIA'S FINANCIAL STRAIN — WHO PAYS THE PRICE?

COST OF LIVING

Stat: 13% of Australians (or 1 in 8) are in financial stress

Source: AIHW (HILDA Survey)

Financial stress—difficulty paying essential bills or covering unexpected expenses—has climbed back to levels last seen after the Global Financial Crisis. Rising prices for food, fuel and utilities continue to outpace wage growth, forcing many households to cut back on essentials and delay major purchases.



GOVERNMENT PRESSURE

Stat: Gross federal debt ~A\$940 billion (2024–25), exceeded A\$1 trillion

Source: Treasury Budget Papers

Government debt surged following pandemic spending and structural pressures in health, aged care, defence and the NDIS. While Australia's net debt to GDP ratio remains moderate internationally, rising interest costs and long term obligations constrain fiscal flexibility. Critics argue that expanding government and regulatory burdens act like a “python,” tightening around households and businesses.



DEBT & INTEREST RATES

Stat: Cash rate increased from 0.10% → 4.35% (2022–2024)

Source: Reserve Bank of Australia

The steep rise in the cash rate has flowed directly into mortgage repayments, sharply increasing monthly costs for borrowers. Australia's high household debt amplifies the impact, leaving many families struggling to absorb repayment shocks even with full time employment.



FINANCIAL STRESS & INSOLVENCIES

Stat: Business insolvencies are at their highest levels in a decade, led by construction, hospitality and retail

Source: ASIC corporate insolvency statistics

Financial stress has returned to levels last seen after the 2008 crisis. Renters, single parents and low income households are most affected. Business failures have climbed sharply as operating costs rise, interest rates remain high and consumer spending weakens. Construction, retail and hospitality are experiencing the greatest strain, reflecting broader pressures across the economy.



HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Stat: Home ownership among 25–29-year-olds fell from 50% (1971) → 36% (2021)

Source: ABS / AIHW

Younger Australians are being priced out of home ownership. High house prices, rising rents and slow wage growth make saving a deposit significantly harder than it was for previous generations. The decline in ownership among under-35s reflects a widening generational divide in access to stable housing and long term wealth.



CONFIDENCE & RESILIENCE

Stat: 79% of young Australians expect to be financially worse off than their parents

Source: 2025 Australian Youth Barometer

Economic pessimism is rising. A majority of young Australians believe their long term financial prospects are weaker than previous generations, reflecting concerns about housing, insecure work and rising living costs. Households are bracing for continued strain rather than anticipating recovery.



REAL INCOME DECLINE

Stat: Real household disposable income per person fell 5.1% in the year to mid-2023

Source: OECD / AMP analysis

Inflation, higher taxes and rising interest payments have eroded purchasing power. Australians are effectively earning less in real terms despite working the same hours. Analysts describe this as one of the sharpest real income squeezes in the developed world, reshaping living standards nationwide.



WHO IS MOST AFFECTED?

Stat: 85% of young Australians experienced financial insecurity in the past year

Source: 2025 Australian Youth Barometer (Monash University / Roy Morgan)

Young people, renters and single income households face the most severe hardship. Many cannot build savings or plan for major life milestones such as home ownership, education or family formation. Financial insecurity is shaping long term decisions and eroding confidence in future stability.



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How the State Replaced the Father and Why It Is Collapsing

By JACK DELANEY

■ *Awake for over ten years, I have spent the last five focused on Australian history and discovering the tentacles of our ever-increasing trajectory to full subjugation under a global world order that we never voted for.*

We are living through a strange, artificial interlude in history. The Western world has been operating under the assumption that we could bypass the fundamental, often harsh, realities of human nature. By decoupling society from the traditional masculine role and institutionalising “safety” through an ever-expanding bureaucratic state, we have created a sterile utopia. It is a world that feels “boring” because it has eliminated the very tensions and risks that drive human excellence. But as the birth rates collapse and the debt accumulates, one truth becomes clear, this project is a suicide mission.

The Transactional Shift: The State as Surrogate

Arthur Schopenhauer famously viewed relationships as a biological “trick” played by the Will to ensure the continuation of the species. In a natural order, a man provides security and meaning, while the woman provides the hearth and the future. This transaction was not always romantic, but it was essential, grounded, and productive.

Today, the technocratic elite

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have engineered a way to bypass this reality entirely. Through state-guaranteed welfare, institutionalised HR management, and a massive credit-based economy, the state has positioned itself as the “husband.” It offers women the status, protection, and resources that once required the labour (toil) and agency of a father. In exchange, women have been conditioned to prioritise the regime’s values over the natural, often challenging, bond of the family. By doing so, they have traded their autonomy for a fragile, state-managed safety net.

The Rise of the “Forever Adolescent”

The most visible sign of this rot is the systematic infantilisation of the next generation. Because the modern family is often a hollowed-out unit serviced by the state, children are no longer raised to face the world and are instead



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raised to be insulated from it.

We are seeing the rise of a “forever adolescent” class, individuals who may be chronologically in their late twenties or thirties, but who possess the emotional maturity of a child. They are “rabid” in their sensitivity because they have never been forced to confront reality. They are obsessed with social status, performative virtue, and administrative policing because these are the only tools available to a class that has never had to build, fight, or lead.

This environment deliberately selects against the masculine man. A man who finds his worth in

objective competence, personal responsibility, or the defence of his own hearth is a threat to a system built on universal dependency. He is “unmanageable.”

The Death of Meaning in a Frictionless World

The boredom we feel in our current institutional life is the symptom of a civilisation that has removed the “heroic” dimension. When you prioritise universal safety, you inherently kill the capacity for greatness. Greatness requires risk. Greatness requires the acceptance that life is not fair, frictionless, or safe.

The technocrats at the UN or the WEF promise a utopia of

perfect surveillance and equity. They fail to realise that their goal is a tomb. A society that provides for everyone’s safety but loses the capacity to innovate, reproduce, or defend itself is merely waiting for its turn to be replaced by a more vital, less “progressive” people.

The Coming Reckoning

Every empire that has traded its masculine vitality for bureaucratic comfort has eventually collapsed. The engine keeping this current fantasy alive is financial fiction, the endless issuance of credit that allows the state to continue bribing the population into compliance.

But nature does not negotiate with social theories. When the credit ceases to flow and the state can no longer fulfil its promise of protection, the transition back to reality will be brutal. The “neutered” man and the “forever adolescent” will find themselves utterly helpless in a world that no longer cares about their sensitivities.

The collapse will be a correction. The future will belong to those who reject the state-sponsored infantilisation of their lives and return to the foundational realities of blood, faith, and the willingness to accept the struggle. The current utopia is merely a temporary stopover on the road to a much harder, but much more honest, existence. We must prepare for what happens when the lights go out.

The Blue Tree Warning: No Farmers. No Food. No Us.

By BRONWYN HOLM

■ *Bronwyn Holm is the founder of Earthfood®, a certified organic living soil microbial company working to restore soil function, food security and growing independence.*

Across rural Australia, trees painted blue stand by roads, paddocks and town edges. Some people drive past without knowing exactly what they mean. A blue tree is not decoration. It is a question: Are you okay? It is also a warning that too many people on the land are carrying more than the country wants to see.

Farmers are not weak. They are overloaded. Weather, debt, machinery, fertiliser, chemical programs, bank pressure, biosecurity orders, freight, supermarkets, regulation and land use battles are all being stacked onto the same families. Then we tell them to be resilient, as if



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resilience means surviving systems that keep taking more.

I have travelled across Australia speaking in community halls, garden clubs and emergency farmer meetings. I have heard grief around starving stock, fuel delays, anger about yet another tax landing on people, growers facing biosecurity decisions that threaten orchards, and floods stripping farms back to mud. These are not policy issues to me. They are faces. They are hands around a cup of tea. They are wives watching husbands disappear into silence and children wondering whether the farm will still be there.

A paddock is not vacant land because someone sees space for a transmission line, solar project or planning target. It is food, family, water, debt, memory and national survival. A country that sacrifices farmers to satisfy systems it barely understands is not progressing. It is becoming dependent.

The blue tree asks us to stop driving past. Make the call. Visit the farmer. Buy from them. Defend productive land. Question policies that crush the people who feed us. No farmers. No food. No us.

If this brings anything up for you, please call Lifeline on 13 11 14, or 000 if life is in immediate danger.

The factual backbone: The Blue Tree Project began with Jayden Whyte in WA; rural health reporting shows one Australian farmer dies by suicide about every 10 days; the 2023 National Farmer Wellbeing Report found high levels of anxiety, depression and financial stress; and landholder impacts from renewable energy zones and transmission infrastructure are significant enough that NSW EnergyCo publishes compensation guidance.

■ *For the full article visit <https://yourearthfood.com.au/blogs/grow/blue-tree-warning>*

EMF: Are We Measuring the Right Thing?

By **DON WANT, PhD**

■ *Don Want, PhD: author of **Environmental Effects on Health: The Generation of Ignorance and Undone Science.***

Most of us carry a mobile phone, run Wi-Fi at home, and live within sight of a phone tower without giving it a second thought. The official reassurance is straightforward: these devices are safe. But a growing group of independent scientists argue that the safety standards behind that reassurance are built to answer the wrong question—and it's worth understanding why.

The current limits for phones and wireless devices are based on a single effect: how much a device heats body tissue. If it can't warm you up by a certain amount, the reasoning says it can't harm you. That made sense in an earlier era. The problem is that decades of laboratory research now point to biological effects that have nothing to do with heat—changes to cells, DNA, sleep hormones and the nervous system observed at exposure levels well below the

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heating threshold. In other words, the tests measure warming, while much of the documented concern lies elsewhere.

None of this is fully settled, and it would be wrong to suggest otherwise. Regulators, including



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Australia's ARPANSA, maintain that only heating effects have been established. At the same time, other researchers and two major government-funded animal studies

have reported tumours and other harms at lower exposures.

Where the debate becomes hard to ignore is with children. Because young skulls are thinner and

developing tissue holds more water, a child's head can absorb more than twice the radiation of an adult's, and far more in the bone marrow. Yet the safety standards were originally set around the body of a large adult male and have never been revised for children. Today most Australian children own a smartphone, meaning the generation with the greatest biological vulnerability is also the most exposed, judged against a standard never designed with them in mind.

And unlike contaminated water or tobacco smoke, this is exposure no one can filter out or avoid; you can limit your own devices, but not the wireless environment you live in. You don't have to accept every claim to take sensible, low-cost precautions: keep phones out of the bedroom overnight, use a speaker or a wired headset for calls, favour texting over long calls held to the head, and keep devices away from young children where practical.

■ *This piece scratches the surface of this issue; a detailed ten-part series is at environmentalhealtheffects.substack.com*

AI Data Centers ‘Spreading Like an Aggressive Cancer’

Journalist Maria Zeee reports that a surge in data center construction across the U.S. is drawing renewed scrutiny over environmental and social costs, as communities report higher electricity bills, health concerns and quality-of-life disruptions. Proposed projects — including a 6,000-acre campus in Texas and a 42,000-acre development in Utah — are fueling calls for stricter regulation, greater transparency and meaningful community input.

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As demand for artificial intelligence (AI) and cloud computing accelerates, a surge in massive data center developments across the U.S. is prompting scrutiny over their environmental and social costs.

“Daily Pulse” host Maria Zeee warned that despite an ongoing energy crisis, “They’re spreading like an aggressive cancer and the consequences are proving to be deadly.”

Central to her report is “Project Matador — The President Donald J. Trump Advanced Energy and Intelligence Campus,” a proposed data center in the Texas Panhandle set to be the largest data center in the world.

Spanning up to 6,000 acres, the facility is projected to consume, conservatively, 96 billion kilowatt-hours of energy annually — equal to more than half of all residential energy use in the state.

Local residents are protesting the center over pollution concerns and an expedited approval process.

Texas already houses at least



Watch ZeeeMedia on Rumble: Govt Classifies Data Centers as “National Security?” Daily Pulse Ep 244. <https://rumble.com/v79ehd8-govt-classifies-data-centers-as-national-security-daily-pulse-ep-244.html>

Australia has roughly 100 major data centres, with 40+ under construction and 90+ more planned — a national build-out comparable in scale to Texas.

87 data centers, with 135 under construction and more than 600 in the planning stages.

Opposition to data centers has been building nationwide as communities criticize higher electricity bills, stress on existing power grids and heavy water use.

Those living near data centers also report health issues, including headaches and disrupted sleep.

Research links electromagnetic radiation (EMR) exposure from the high-voltage power lines and electrical substations required by data centers to childhood leukemia and other serious health and environmental impacts.

Zeee shared a report on a \$27 billion Meta AI data center in Louisiana that illustrates the local impact: residents report rising rents,

an influx of temporary workers, and surging noise and light pollution. “The residents often don’t realize what’s happening until it’s already happening,” said a local reporter. “Right now it’s chaos.”

Zeee argued that the AI infrastructure build-out serves a broader agenda of “ultimate control” and smart city surveillance.

Meanwhile, in Box Elder County, Utah, Canadian millionaire Kevin O’Leary — star of “Shark Tank” — is proposing a 40,000-acre center — nearly seven times the size of the government’s Matador Project — being fast-tracked by the state’s military installation development authority, Zeee reported.

As AI investment accelerates, calls are growing for stricter regulation, greater transparency, and meaningful community input before projects move forward.

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Interview with CIA Whistleblower: John Kiriakou

By JOEL JAMMAL

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Recently, I was joined again on my podcast by John Kiriakou. John was a whistleblower on the CIA's torture program and was also the head of CIA counterterrorism in Pakistan. In the podcast we covered his stories during his time at the CIA, to his take on the Charlie Kirk assassination. We even delved into Australia's role in surveillance and about how this all fits into faith and morality. John's background was with the CIA for 15 years with the agency, including serving as the chief of counterterrorism operations in Pakistan after the September 11 attacks. He shared gripping stories of undercover work and the high-stakes environment of intelligence gathering.

His decision to blow the whistle on the CIA's use of torture came during the Bush Administration when he publicly stated that such practices were illegal, immoral, and unethical. Initially cleared by the FBI, the case was revived under the Obama Administration by John Brennan, leading to serious charges. Kiriakou ultimately pleaded guilty to a lesser offense and served 23



months in federal prison.

The personal repercussions were devastating; loss of his federal pension after two decades of service, divorce, estrangement from his children, and ongoing challenges with employment and surveillance.

On the assassination of Charlie Kirk, Kiriakou voiced deep emotional distress, noting it felt like losing a relative or good friend. He expressed surprise at the intensity of his reaction and raised pointed questions about the investigation's integrity. Why weren't all leads pursued thoroughly?

Recent laws post incidents like the Bondi shooting have broadened authorities' powers to question individuals without charges, restrict legal counsel, and involve family members under gag orders. Kiriakou characterised these as indicative of "a police state in the making."



What explained apparent federal involvement or possible cover-up elements in the Utah incident? He also observed significant changes at Turning Point following the tragedy, including leadership shifts and staff adjustments.

The dialogue then addressed Australia's surveillance

developments. Recent laws post incidents like the Bondi shooting have broadened authorities' powers to question individuals without charges, restrict legal counsel, and involve family members under gag orders. Kiriakou characterised these as indicative of "a police state in the making." He paralleled

this with American experiences under the Patriot Act and FISA Section 702, explaining how the Five Eyes alliance allows intelligence agencies to circumvent national laws by having allies conduct surveillance on citizens.

Faith and morality wove through the entire conversation. Kiriakou, a cradle-Orthodox Christian, drew inspiration from St. Nectarios of Aegina's life of forgiveness despite false accusations. He suggested watching the film *Man of God* about the saint.

This spiritual foundation fuelled his courage to whistleblow and his counsel to others facing similar pressures: know in your heart you are right. I shared my Syrian Orthodox and Maronite Catholic background, linking personal faith to commitments against injustice, and for national sovereignty. Ultimately, the interview highlighted critical intersections of intelligence history, current events, governmental overreach, and personal ethics.

Kiriakou's journey illustrates the high price of truth-telling in powerful institutions, yet affirms that moral conviction, bolstered by faith, can endure. As surveillance expands and political violence shocks societies, his perspectives offer valuable warnings and guidance for maintaining integrity in turbulent times. These insights serve as a powerful reminder of the need for vigilance in protecting individual rights and upholding ethical standards amid growing state powers.

■ **Listen to the full podcast on Spotify – *The Ark with Joel Jammal Australia: "A Police State in the making", John Kiriakou on what happened to Charlie Kirk? Ark E74***

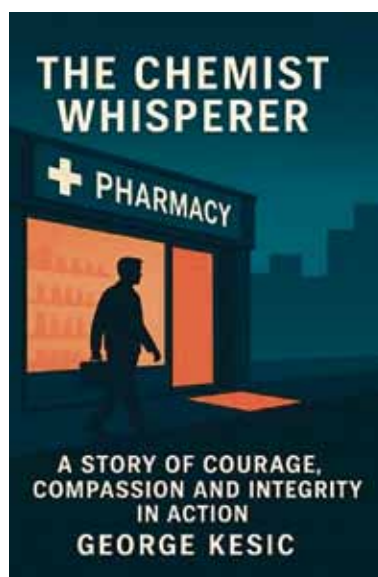
What 238 Pharmacy Visits Revealed

By GEORGE KESIC

■ George Kesic, author of *The Chemist Whisperer*, draws on decades in martial arts, healthy-living education, and sports coaching to help people reclaim their personal power.

During the Covid period, while most Australians stayed home and followed public health directions, I found myself doing something very different. I visited 238 pharmacies across Sydney and spoke to people administering the Covid shots. I served cease-and-desist notices to raise objections and to have conversations about informed consent—the kind that had quietly disappeared from public life.

I wasn't a journalist or part of any organisation. I was simply someone who felt that open dialogue had become rare, and that the people administering



Covid vaccinations were carrying pressures few were acknowledging. So, I walked into pharmacies, one after another, and asked a simple question: "Are you comfortable with what's happening here?"



George Kesic (pictured)

What followed was not conflict. Many interactions were calm, respectful, and unexpectedly human. Behind the counters were pharmacists and assistants navigating the same uncertainty as everyone else. Some were

confident in their role. Others were hesitant. A few seemed relieved to speak openly, even briefly.

What struck me most was not disagreement but tension—the quiet space between professional duty and personal uncertainty, between following directives and wondering privately about them. We often talk about "frontline workers" as a single, unified group, but what I encountered were individuals with their own thoughts and concerns.

Some defended the process without hesitation. Others admitted they had questions too. And several simply said, "We just have to do our job." That phrase stayed with me, because it hinted at a broader shift: how easily routine can replace reflection, and how quickly open discussion can give way to silent compliance.

Those 238 encounters reminded me of something essential.

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Progress doesn't come from uniform agreement. It comes from the willingness to engage, to ask difficult questions, and to speak honestly—even when the world feels uncertain. That spirit of conversation is what I hoped to preserve, and what ultimately shaped my book, *The Chemist Whisperer*.

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AUSTRALIA & CHINA: NUCLEAR TENSIONS

On 6 July 2026, a Chinese nuclear-powered submarine launched a long-range nuclear-capable missile carrying a dummy warhead in the Pacific Ocean. This was the first in about two years and Australian authorities reportedly received only a few hours of advance notice. Australia, New Zealand, and other Pacific nations, condemned the action as destabilising, particularly as it occurred near the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone. The launch coincided with Australia securing a major defence pact with Fiji (the Ocean of Peace Alliance) to strengthen ties with Pacific Islands. The test heightened concerns of potential conflict.

NORD STREAM SABOTAGE: WAR CRIME CHARGES

In July 2026, German prosecutors charged a former Ukrainian army officer, Serhii K. over the September 2022 Nord Stream gas pipeline sabotage in the Baltic Sea. He is accused of leading a sabotage team including divers and an explosives expert that rented a sailing yacht in Germany. The group (allegedly) sailed with military-grade explosives near Denmark's Bornholm Island planting underwater charges destroying three of the four Russian underwater gas pipelines. German prosecutors claim the operation was carried out on orders of Ukrainian authorities in response to the 2022 escalation of the Russia-Ukraine War. Charges include war crimes, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy denies his government had any involvement.

MANUFACTURING HATE: SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER

In April 2026, the U.S. Department of Justice indicted the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) on 11 criminal counts, including fraud, false statements to banks and money laundering. The allegations are that between 2014 and 2023, the SPLC secretly funnelling over USD \$3 million in donor contributions (that was raised to "dismantle" hate groups)

to actually paying persons affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan, Aryan Nations, National Socialist Party of America and individuals linked to the 2017 Charlottesville Unite the Right rally (which saw one person killed and dozens injured). Prosecutors claimed the SPLC misled donors by denouncing these groups while funding these organisations, effectively "manufacturing racism to justify its existence." The SPLC has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

RIP: THAI PRINCESS (1978 - 2026)

Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol the eldest daughter of Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn and a lawyer known for human rights and animal welfare died on 11 June 2026, at age 47. She had been in a coma for over 3 years since she first collapsed in December 2022 from reported heart inflammation while training dogs. The timing of her collapse with Covid mandates sparked claims on social media that she suffered a severe reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine. Thailand observed a period of national mourning after her death. It is noted that Australia's iconic cricketer Shane Warne died in Thailand in 2022 and according to his son, Jackson Warne, he died as a result of taking a COVID-19 vaccine.

UK: STARMER (AND DIGITAL ID) OUT

On 22 June 2026, Keir Starmer resigned as UK Prime Minister and Labour leader with opinion polls indicating he was the most unpopular UK prime minister in modern times. Less than two years after Labour's 2024 election victory, Starmer stepped down amid a party rebellion and widespread dissatisfaction with his government's policies. Andy Burnham, the former Mayor of Greater Manchester replaced Starmer on 20 July making him the UK's seventh prime minister in a decade. In a policy pledge, Burnham announced he will end Labour's unpopular national digital ID plans. Opinion polls indicate the Labour and Conservative parties are no longer the UK's dominant parties with growing support for Reform UK.

ENOCH BURKE RELEASED FROM PRO-NOUN PRISON

Enoch Burke, an Irish teacher who has been imprisoned multiple times (over 700 days) for civil contempt of court since September 2022 has been released by order of the High Court in late June 2026. His imprisonment stems from his refusal to address a transgender student with so-called preferred pronouns at school in County Westmeath. He was suspended and later dismissed for defying a court injunction by returning to the school grounds. He had spent over 700 days in prisons, often released temporarily but re-arrested for breaches. The Irish courts stress that his imprisonment was solely for defiance of orders and not for his beliefs. Hmmm...

IRELAND: MULTICULTURAL FAIL

On 9 June 2026, in north Belfast, Northern Ireland, a Sudanese asylum seeker named Hadi Alodid allegedly attempted to behead a local man, Stephen Ogilvie in a brutal public knife attack. Video footage showed Alodid straddling the victim slashing his head and neck with a knife. Bystanders, including one using a hurling stick, intervened to stop him; however, the victim lost an eye and suffered severe injuries. Alodid, who came to Dublin in 2023 on a five-year UK visa was charged with attempted murder. The graphic video sparked widespread outrage and anti-immigration protests/riots in Belfast and parts of Northern Ireland.

WAR CASUALTIES: MIDDLE EAST & THE RUSSIAN-UKRAINE WAR

Total casualties for the Russia-Ukraine War that began in 2023 are reported to have exceeded 2 million dead and wounded. In the Middle East the Lebanese Health Ministry reports that since March 2026 the Israel Hezbollah conflict has seen 4,322 killed and 12,219 wounded as of July 12, 2026. In the ongoing Gaza conflict (since Oct 7, 2023) the Gaza Health Ministry reports 73,000-73,200 killed and over 173,000 wounded.

IRAN WAR BACK ON

Tensions reignited in July 2026 when Iran allegedly attacked

ships (again) in the Strait of Hormuz and US President Donald Trump declared the (short-lived) ceasefire "over" on 8 July triggering renewed US strikes on over 170 Iranian targets. Iran retaliated against US and various Gulf nation's positions. The 2026 Iran War (initially) began on 28 February with the US-Israel Operation Epic Fury conducting massive strikes killing Iran's Supreme Leader Khamenei and targeting Iranian military sites. The conflict continues...

UK POLICE & FATHER TED

Graham Linehan, co-creator of the television comedy Father Ted, was arrested in September 2025 at Heathrow Airport by five armed officers after a 10-hour flight from Arizona. Police were investigating his crime of (wait for it) posting 3 texts on social media which were gender-critical. UK Police detained him for around 12 hours, and his arrest was widely criticised as Orwellian insanity. In July 2026 however, the UK Police admitted "shortcomings in the investigation" and issued an apology paying Linehan £25,000 in compensation. It has been reported that the UK arrests around 12,000 people a year for 'crimes' concerning social media posts.

ROBOT MIXED MARTIAL ARTS IN CHINA

On 17 July 2026 China held the first full-size humanoid robot free-fighting tournament—the Ultimate Robot Knock-out Legend in Shenzhen. Thirty-two teams from around the world participated, using AI robots who battled it out in an MMA-style cage. A robot named "White Eagle" landed a high kick nearly decapitating its opponent "Matador", who with its head dangling continued throwing punches before collapsing. This marks a major step in AI and robotics entertainment, something the ancient Romans surely never conceived of for the colosseum.

VATICAN: TRADITIONALISTS STAND FIRM

In July 2026, the Catholic traditionalist organisation, the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX) defied Pope Leo XIV by consecrating four new bishops without Vatican

approval. The SSPX was founded in a Swiss village in 1970 to preserve traditions such as the Latin Mass and resist modern reforms. The SSPX see themselves as guardians of pure Catholicism. The Vatican responded by declaring the group a schism and excommunicated them in what has become the biggest open split in Catholicism in decades. The SSPX has hundreds of thousands of supporters worldwide, and to date has remained firm in conducting services with the traditional Latin Mass.

FAUCI TAKES THE 5th

On 29 July 2026, Dr Anthony Fauci, the chief medical advisor in the US during the so-called Covid pandemic invoked the Fifth Amendment (right to remain silent) over 100 times during a Senate Homeland Security Committee hearing. Fauci refused to answer questions about the origins and funding of COVID-19 and was accused of lying to the US Congress, covering up lab-leak evidence, and profiteering from pandemic health measures. The hearings were tense with Fauci called a "villain" and "megalomaniac", while speculation of potential criminal charges against him still appears possible. (Fingers crossed!)

AUSTRALIA: SECRET CASE THAT COULD END VACCINE MANDATES?

In June 2026, Jayden Beale, a law clerk and litigant challenging Queensland's COVID-19-era vaccine mandates succeeded in preventing his case from being dismissed. After nearly a four-year legal battle, his case is now proceeding to a full trial. Jewel Burbidge of Voting Matters (an independent political forum) described his case: "A government lawyer by day. Lead plaintiff suing the entire Queensland Government by night. He just built the biggest Covid anti-mandate human-rights case on earth - and the state can't kill it. One man. Thirteen expert witnesses. Zero government experts. History in the making." Stay tuned and follow the courageous case of Jayden Beale at Voting Matters www.votingmatters.com.au.

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