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History:

Here is some important background on the Council for the National Interest (CNI), especially for those who have no knowledge of our founder B.A Santamaria. Promoting the CNI as a lobby group raises the question as to the who, when and where about our foundations but more interestingly it raises the lack of knowledge about our founder Mr. B.A.(Bob) Santamaria and his role in Australia's history.

The CNI was formed in Melbourne in 1985. The principle architect was Santamaria, who had been the driving force in "The Movement" now the National Civic Council. Initially the Movement was focused on reversing the influence of the Australian Communist Party on Australia's unions and on the Australian Labor Party (ALP). His work led to the ALP split in the fifties and the formation of the 'break-away' Democratic Labor Party (DLP). In the 1980's Santamaria was concerned about the lack of policies in the Hawke Labor Government's defence and foreign affair areas. The conservative opposition was missing in action and Bob initiated a grass root effort to reclaim the policy ground for Australia's benefit.

He gathered together a number of prominent Australians who shared his view and they formed the Council for the National Interest. Initial Councillors included Sir John Anderson, Major General David Butler, Sir Bernard Callinan, Sir Charles Court, Peter Henderson A.C, Prof Dame Leonie Kramer, Sir Arvi Parbo, B.A. Santamaria, Laurie Short A.O, Dr Ian Spry Q.C, and (later Senator) John Stone.

Committees were formed in each Australian State, here in WA in 1987. In Western Australia, besides the Executive Committee, there is the Policy Discussion Group that meets regularly and over the years has been responsible for developing policy discussion papers and for initiating and progressing lobbying campaigns addressed to Federal and State politicians including submissions to Parliamentary Committees. CNI also conducts Public Forums on matters of national interest.

By the end of the 1990's the conservative government was perceived to have regained some lost momentum and each State CNI committee retired from active participation. The exception was WA that took on the sole role of the CNI in Australia. The WA Executive Committee resolved to maintain the policy development activity as they were of the opinion that Western Australia is treated of little consequence outside the Canberra bubble, (aside from iron ore revenue) a condition which is still prevalent today.

Forum:

The forthcoming Forum with presenter Tshung Chang is the second forum presented by the CNI on the influence of the Chinese Communist Party on Australian political, educational and economic areas. The first forum, 12 August 2018, featured Mr Paul Monk with his ten years as a security analyst on China for the Federal Government's Defence Intelligence Organisation. A text copy of Paul's speech is available upon request. The Forum on Sunday 23rd May 2021, 2.30pm, at RPYC, Crawley will be challenging in light of the importance of Western Australia's economic trade with China.

Victorian Parliamentary Legislation:

Legislation to outlaw "gay conversion therapy" was passed in February 2021 with the most extreme laws of this kind in the world. The controversial "Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Bill 2020" is the template for the same laws to be introduced by the Labor Government into Western Australia. State Premier Mark McGowan has confirmed legislation based upon Victoria's laws will be introduced during his term of government.

Former Deputy PM, John Anderson AO, via Twitter 14 Dec 2020, stated: "A Law before the Victorian Parliament seeking to outlaw parental, therapeutic or religious discussions on issues of sexuality and gender is the biggest threat to our democratic freedoms in Australia's entire legislative history."

The WA State election result of 2021 has delivered Labor unlimited opportunity to enact any laws with a minimal opposition to hold the Government to account. Western Australian voters are going to discover how ineffective the review process is with the Upper House virtually devoid of a strong morally defensive opposition. Enactment of the Victorian Act in WA will suffocate freedom of speech. 1/4

Cancel Culture:

Western Civilisation and Cancel Culture presentation being hosted by the Civilisationists in association with Prof Augusto Zimmerman WALTA on Wed 19 May 2021, at Belmont RSL, 6.30pm. Booking is essential, RSVP via text to 0447 036 109 or email civilisationists1@gmail.com Entry \$5 Speakers; **Stephen Hurworth**, Studied Liberal Arts at the University of Cape Town before migrating to Australia, where he studied Learning Technologies at Charles Sturt University. Combining a love of classics with technology drew him to on-line learning and teaching. He is currently an on-line teacher for a private Christian school providing students with a foundation in the Western cultural traditions of freedom, truth and beauty. Stephen is passionate about the need for the West to restore its own indigenous spiritual and cultural foundations in order for Western Civilisation recovery to occur.

Joshua Forrester, is a PhD candidate in law. He holds a Bachelor of Politics and International Studies with First Class Honours from Murdoch University, and a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours from the University of Western Australia. He has written academically on the issues of freedom of expression and freedom of religion. He has also appeared before government inquiries on the subjects of freedom of expression and freedom of religion.

The National Civic Council & B.A. Santamaria (1915-1998):

Australian history is sadly neglected in our schools so that any mention of the fight against the communists in Australia from the 1930's through to the 1950's and the role played by Santamaria is met by a lack of understanding as to how closely our nation came to be under the yoke of communism.

The subject of communism today in 2021 is ignored by society but the level of Marxism infecting our nation is ominous and needs a renewed effort by a new "Movement" of a younger generation. The Movement, now the National Civic Council, was formed in 1937 by lay Catholics at the direction of Catholic Bishops under Papal Authority of Pope Pius XI and his Encyclical Divini Redemptoris. At age 22 Santamaria was recruited by Archbishop Mannix as one of two members of the National Secretariat of Catholic Action. Under his leadership the Movement became the backbone of ALP Industrial Groups which, from 1949 to 1953, broke the near-monopoly of power held by the Communists in the unions. Before the split of 1955-57 the Labor Party was dedicated anti-communist however, since then the ALP leadership has collaborated with the Socialist-Left.

The National Civic Council is carrying on the work of Santamaria in the fight against marxist influence in Australian society and at the same time promoting resolutions to the past 40 years of de-industrialisation by both Labor and Liberal Governments. A subscription to their publication, News Weekly, will provide readers with provocative solutions to problems wrought by inept government and return Australia to a self reliant sovereign nation. For a more comprehensive understanding of the period in which Santamaria successfully operated Brian Peachey's book, "Has the light on the Hill gone out? The demise of the Australian Labor Party" is highly recommended reading.

Net Zero CO2 Emissions by 2050:

The CNI has been conducting a campaign of objection over this economically destructive policy with politicians and corporate leaders of Australia's leading industrial organisations. The following is a copy of CNI letter to the Prime Minister, Hon Scott Morrison MP, dated 12 February 2021:

It was not unexpected that President Joe Biden, when he came to power in the USA, would re-join the Paris Climate Accord and promote the concept of "Net-Zero Emissions of Carbon Dioxide (CO2) by 2050" for America and of course, the rest of the World.

Latest media reports indicate that you, as Prime Minister, are now prepared to adopt net-zero emissions by 2050 for Australia but it is just a matter of when and how. At this point a "technology investment roadmap approach" seems to be the Government's preferred course. This plan prioritises reducing CO2 emissions over low cost, reliable energy and has been described as a "road to nowhere" and "just delusional leading to higher energy cost, complexity and regulation". (McCormack C, News Weekly, June 13 and October 17, 2020.)

The concept of Net-Zero emissions of CO2 is scientifically flawed as illustrated in the attached "CNI FACT SHEET – CARBON DIOXIDE (CO2)" This demonstrates that CO2 is necessary for plant, animal and human life on Earth; CO2 is not a pollutant and does not warm the Earth. The World needs more CO2, not less as CO2 is currently at near starvation levels.

No climate scientist has ever refuted this CO2 Fact Sheet.

Not only is the concept scientifically flawed, in Australia's case it is economically unsustainable as demonstrated in the Attachment "Net-Zero Greenhouse Gas emissions by 2050? –No Way!" Even if Australia did achieve net-zero emissions, at the huge cost outlined **it would not make one iota of difference to the temperature of the Earth**". This paper also demonstrates why Australia should withdraw from the Paris Agreement.

For Australia to withdraw from the Paris Agreement would create tension with a number of countries with whom Australia would wish to maintain cooperative relationships. The responsibility of the Australian Government however, is to rebuild Australia as a self-reliant, secure sovereign nation. Australia must put in place strategies that will drive down Australia's reliable electricity prices to around the lowest level in the World as they were before the drive to taxpayer subsidised, unreliable renewables.

The FACT Sheet CO2, referred to above details strategies to achieve this with a focus on clean coal technology, coal fired power stations and possibly, small modular nuclear power stations. CNI is not alone in this strategy and I refer you to "The Wentworth Report, Stop the Climate Stupidity, David Archibald, 29 January, 2019" and World Climate Declaration - "There is no climate emergency" – www.clintel.org by Professor Guus Berkhout, both of which validate our claims.

Respectfully, CNI urges you and your Government to face up to the scientific facts of the benefit of CO2 and reject the erroneous climate modelling by the IPCC. In our view, your Government does not have a mandate from the Australian people for a net-zero emissions reduction policy and must not take any CO2 emissions reduction policy to the UNFCCC Climate Summit in Glasgow in November, 2021. The proper course is to give formal notice to withdraw from the Paris Agreement.

We look forward to your adoption of our proposals. With no acknowledgment of receipt a further letter followed on 13 April 2021 with the following extracts;

Having regard to all of the above, CNI expresses grave concern to you at the article "*PM getting warmer on net-zero target with new climate tsar*" The Australian, April 13, 2021 which suggests a determination by your Government to put in place policies to set and achieve a goal of net-zero emissions of CO2 by 2050. If this article has any validity and you have decided to pursue net-zero emissions then we respectfully ask that you read the information we have provided and then reverse your decision.

In our view it is the responsibility of Government to ensure the lowest possible cost, reliable electricity for its citizens and industries.

If the market won't do this then it is the Government's obligation to do so.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed Australia's vulnerability to global supply chains and its reliance on other countries for manufactured goods particularly health services. Australia must rebuild its manufacturing industries and strive to again become a secure, self-reliant, sovereign nation. Some suggestions toward achieving this are detailed in "*Rebuilding Australia – Step 1*" enclosed.

CNI asks that you discontinue all steps toward achieving net-zero emissions; if not then please show why any reduction in CO2 is in Australia's and the World's best interest.

How Western Australia Became an Elected Dictatorship:

By Augusto Zimmermann; In Western Australia, the *Iron Ore Processing Agreement Act* provides the Premier and his Attorney General exemption from the criminal law and civil liabilities. Clause 12 of the Act provides that decisions and actions in relation to certain government decisions cannot be appealed.

It adds that "the Rules known as the rules of natural justice (including any duty of procedural fairness) do not apply to, or in relation to, any conduct of the State that is, or connected with, a disputed matter". In addition this Act prevents citizens from obtaining information about what the WA government is doing to hold it accountable. Indeed, such a legislation seeks to make documents connected to a "disputed matter" exempt from freedom of information association laws and grants criminal immunity to the State and its agents. The Premier now has power to make laws via executive diktats, without reference to Parliament. The WA Parliament has also passed the *Emergency Management Amendment (Covid-19 Response) Bill*. Under this Act, State authorities can issue directions to a "class" or group of people, rather than an individual, and impose penalties of \$12,000 fines and 12 months of imprisonment for non-compliance.

These extraordinary powers may last much longer than the pandemic. While these security powers can be used during a state of emergency, only one of these carries a “sunset clause”, thus not guaranteeing their expiry with the end of the alleged emergency. In other words, the Act allows for expanded security powers during an unlimited period of time The WA Government can use, for an indefinite period of time, invasive technology to analyse, control and determine everyone's actions according to a carefully designed plan. As can be seen, this is not just a concern regarding people's health during a time of epidemic. It is primarily about power and control by the ruling elites of Western Australia. Nothing can produce a police state more rapidly than such arbitrary measures. In fact as a constitutional lawyer I can confidently state that Western Australia is no longer a truly functional democracy, but is currently experiencing a disguised form of elected dictatorship. *Dr Augusto Zimmermann is Professor and Head of Law at Sheridan Institute of Higher Education in Perth, WA. He is editor of 'Fundamental Rights in the Age of Covid-19', a book published by Connor Court with contributions from leading law academics and policy makers.*

Australia Post:

The Prime Minister's outburst in Parliament on 22 Oct 2020 about Australia Post's CEO Christine Holgate has resulted in unintended consequences that also reflect upon the Liberal Party as a whole, and also exposes the Labor Party, to powerful influences manipulating a desired outcome.

Unfortunately Ms Holgate was too successful as an Australia Post executive frustrating the planned sale of the supposedly loss making Corporation and her plans to expand into the area of Post Office banking. Both major parties are beholden to the too big to fail Australian Banking Corporations who realise the public would abandon them for a Government owned and guaranteed public bank, competition the banks would fight to the bitter end.

Mr. Ahmed Fahour, CEO 2010, & Chairman John Stanhope, 2012 both Labor appointees embarked on a privatisation process for the “loss” making Corporation. In 2015 AP suffered its first ever loss of \$352 million. Mr Fahour departed his \$5.6 million salary with a \$4 million severance package in 2017. Ms Holgate was appointed CEO, October 2017 on a salary of \$2 million. (from CEO of Blackmores on \$8 million per year) Under Ms Holgate AP profit for 2019 was \$41 million, 2020 was \$53 million and 6 months to Dec 2020 was \$160 million all without selling assets. (AP has 4330 post offices, 2520 in rural Australia, 2900 are LPO's)

The motive for presenting the Cartier watches was announced on 8 Oct 2018 with press release of a very successful and profitable banking services agreement with the big four banks. (AP and its LPO's, 2018, were losing \$48 million a year providing banking services) The Maddocks Report confirmed the CEO had the authority to award bonuses up to \$150,000 each, so a \$5000 watch is a storm in a teacup. What motivated a bipartisan, premeditated attack on Christine Holgate using a two year old watch award as a pretext to sack the best CEO Australia Post has had in years?

Most Australians want a reliable postal service and to achieve that aim the Post Offices must be profitable in a market where declining volume of letters are competing in a growing parcel freight environment. Ms Holgate was working against the influence of the Government and the Banks to revitalise an operation that her predecessor had written off as a loss.

The Australia Post affair is proving very embarrassing to the Prime Minister as the Senate Enquiry, forced upon the Government by the minor parties, rakes over the details of what appears to be gross unfair treatment of a fellow Australian.

Western Australian Election, March 2021:

The Liberal Party cannot blame the Christian zealots, as described by the media in the West Australian 17 Mar 2021, for their failure to hold existing seats. The Party has lost contact with its grass root “The Forgotten People” of Menzies radio broadcast speech 22 May 1942. The middle class is fighting back after 40 years of de-industrialisation and moral degradation. We have a society where communist socialistic influence has taken hold and truth and reason has been discarded for secular libertarianism. Prime Minister Morrison reflects a party which is more beholden to the banks and the elite than to Menzies Forgotten People.