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Our next **Free Public Forum** will be held on Tuesday, 4 August, 7.30pm at Royal Perth Yacht Club. – Invitation Flyer attached.

The subject, Free Speech, is of critical importance to the future of our society and our culture. We strongly urge you to come and bring your friends.

Central Branch Policy Discussion Group

There is a concerted worldwide lobbying campaign promoting all kinds of dubious study results all targeting the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions when nations meet in Paris December 2015 at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). This campaign will, no doubt, continue until December.

CNI will continue and broaden the reach of its lobbying against any emission reduction target. This is based on the scientific fact that Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) is not a pollutant. Further that greenhouse gases which comprise water vapour, CO₂, methane, nitrous oxide and ozone represent less than 1% of the Earth's atmosphere and CO₂ is less than half of the 1%; as such they are quite irrelevant to the temperature of the World.

Another major lobbying initiative is the CNI submission to the Federal Government on Australian Citizenship. The submission will be on our website. Essentially, it argues for a clear definition of Citizenship to be taught in all schools, Australia wide; to be learned and understood by all applicants for Citizenship and to be included in the "Pledge of Commitment" signed by people granted Australian Citizenship.

Following the Hepatitis scare from Chinese grown berries the Federal Government produced a set of food labels for discussion. These identify whether a product has less than or more than 50% Australia or foreign ingredients. CNI has responded by strongly advocating for the food labels to identify 'country of origin' ingredients NOT just whether it is foreign.

It is of concern that some produce, grown in China under questionable health and chemical conditions, is exported to New Zealand and Canada where it is processed and exported as 'Product of New Zealand or Product of Canada.'

We have also lobbied for a better deal for the traditional one income family where one parent works and the other stays home to care for the children and for the reintroduction, by the Government, of a Family Impact Statement (FIS)

There is overwhelming research evidence over decades that shows the benefit of

children being reared by their natural parents. By giving children emotional security in those critical years of early development we would at the same time be rewarding the nation with healthy well adjusted children and future adults. Opposition to the drive for "same sex marriage" has also been on our agenda.

REMINDER, the Discussion Group meets regularly and will welcome new members. Contact Denis on mobile 0430 147 049.

Membership

The Council for the National Interest survives on membership funding and contributions to pursue lobbying and hosting seminars. While volunteers supply their labour freely the routine costs of providing such services is always a burden that all organisations face.

We are fortunate and extremely grateful to a few generous benefactors who have contributed regularly over the years which has enabled the CNI to survive in a competitive fund raising market. However to raise our profile and to host more seminars we encourage our numerous supporters to consider contributing by either donation or membership. Our membership form is attached to this newsletter.

Many of our volunteers are well into their late retirement period and are feeling the burden of aging. This leads us to encourage younger supporters to volunteer to assist in growing our organisation at a time in which our nation is facing numerous political and ideological issues. Our world never stands still especially in this time of frenetic activity.

Seminars

We have conducted many successful presentations over the years and our last presenter Mr Roger Underwood from the Bushfire Front Inc delivered a most enlightening speech on the history of WA bush fire management and its subsequent decline to a current parlous state. Those members who attended commented very favourably on Roger's presentation and which will be available for viewing via the CNI website link to a YouTube video. There are plans for forums on Energy Security, Defence Procurement Plans, Environment Rehabilitation and others which depend upon securing presenters and funding their attendance.

If members and supporters have contacts with high profile individuals who may be available to speak upon issues of national importance please contact us for follow up.

Please advise of any topics that members might be interested in attending and your committee will endeavour to locate a suitable presenter with the cognizance and authority to present a case.