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Forum: Featuring Adam Creighton, Economics Editor for The Australian Newspaper. Scheduled for Sunday 25th August 2019 at the Royal Perth Yacht Club, Crawley Bay Nedlands at 2.30pm with presentation speech by Adam Creighton followed by Q&A to finish about 4.30pm.

Adam Creighton is an award-winning journalist with a special interest in tax and financial policy. He was a Journalist in Residence at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business in 2019. He's written for The Economist and The Wall Street Journal from London and Washington DC, and authored book chapters on superannuation for Oxford University Press. He started his career at the Reserve Bank of Australia and the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority. He holds a Bachelor of Economics with First Class Honours from the University of New South Wales, and Master of Philosophy in Economics from Balliol College, Oxford, where he was a Commonwealth Scholar.

Adam will be presenting his views on how the Morrison Government can address vital economic issues under the title of "**Fixing Australia**", without breaking the bank, including the need to raise the curtain on nuclear power generation. Living Standards are stagnating according to the latest Household, Income and Labour Dynamics Report. Government control is the common factor in increased cost of goods and services. As per our normal practice CNI forums are free to attend and open to members, friends, acquaintances and the general public.

Reflection: A nation that can feed itself, clothe itself, house itself and defend itself is self reliant. Australia has the resources to be such a nation and not reliant on capricious friends and international blackmail.

Religious Freedom: The issue of religious freedom is a potential nightmare for the Attorney General Porter and PM Morrison if the planned protection for religious freedom, as promised, is not delivered. Political action by Christian groups, especially the Australian Christian Lobby, made all the difference in delivering Liberals a miracle result. Israel Folau is the most prominent publicised case of religious expression when a quote from the bible is targeted by opponents as hate speech.

Imagine getting upset at someone for claiming the God you do not believe in, said in the book you do not read, that unless you repent of the sin you do not care about, you will go to a place you do not think exists! The biblical message received tremendous free publicity, worldwide and viewed by millions, as the media fell over themselves in condemnation. A sinful public were not impressed by being confronted with their immoral conditions.

Sheridan College, here in Perth, hosted a conference on 14-15 June organised by Dr Augusto Zimmermann to reflect on the rise of anti-Christian sentiment in the West. Speakers of note, international, interstate and local provided an awareness of how divisive our culture has become towards the Christian basis of our laws, customs and culture. The conference provided a forum for an exchange of practical experiences in the minefield of Christian law-fare currently being experienced throughout Australia. The conference was intended to connect like minded legal practitioners to work in concert and assist in developing a network of support using successful strategies. In that regard the conference was highly successful.

Australian Christian Lobby group hosted the "Not Ashamed" Conference in Perth on 27 July. The range of speakers was first class covering a whole range of issues facing Christians in this age of denying Australia's Christian roots and the impact of secularism and atheism denying biblical morality. Speaker John Steenhof, Managing Director of Human Rights Law Alliance, stated over 60 cases involving matters of religious freedom, freedom of thought, speech and conscience have been supported by HRLA throughout Australia. The concern over the direction of basic freedoms Australians have enjoyed since Federation are a reflection of a similar pattern in the United Kingdom where the situation of anti-Christian sentiment is considered far worse.

In July 2017 visiting UK Barrister Andrea Williams, who heads up an organisation, "Christian Concern" representing Christians throughout the UK, spoke about the increasing level of discrimination against Christians. Her organisation has over 20 lawyers working continuously on cases involving Christians in the workplace, on the street, in schools and hospitals and in government organisations.

Unless the Australian Government legislates appropriately for the protection of religious expression we will mirror the unfortunate path experienced by UK Christians.

Why has Australia suddenly, speaking in decades, become so obsessed with eliminating the moral basis of our culture from the marketplace?

Educating an ignorant population may be a starting point by reading Dr Augusto Zimmermann's books on the Christian Foundations of the Common Law, Vol 3, Australia complimented by Volumes 1 on England & Vol 2 on the United States.

The baby boomers who promoted the era of the sexual revolution now need to encourage their progeny to learn the history of a culture which has been subverted by moral crises. The attack on religion is a modern manifestation of the undermining of the foundations of our biblical morals and returning our civilisation to the cultural mores of 400AD Rome.

Conservatives: Twenty three authors combine in this publication by Connor Court Publishing of the "Liberal Shock, The Conservative Comeback". William Dawes, editor, states "this collection aims to restore conservatism as it existed before the Cold War – that is, before traditionalists entered into a disastrous alliance with classical liberals and libertarians; before those with a humble appreciation for society got mixed up with ideology. Timely perspectives on the present crisis draw from the timeless wisdom of the Western canon. The authors decry radical individualism in favour of strong communities. They query the rhetoric of free-market capitalism for the sake of the common good. And they reject our prevailing moral anarchy in the name of the Judeo-Christian tradition.

(one of the authors is Adam Creighton, our CNI Forum presenter on 25th August)

Rarely have the ingredients for a conservative comeback been laid out so clearly."

Council for the National Interest, Lobbying Activity:

The CNI of WA is actively lobbying through letter writing and meetings with politicians to pursue action on issues of national interest.

Meeting: Committee members met with Opposition Deputy Leader Bill Marmion on 12 July after having requested a meeting with party leader Hon Liza Harvey. While the CNI does not expect revolutionary reaction to our discussion, meetings of this nature at least highlight to elected representatives that alternative views are being represented in the marketplace of ideas by such an organisation as the CNI. Letter writing and face to face meetings are far more effective than the email bombardment to which politicians are subjected. A resume' of issues raised at this meeting covered:

- (1) Climate change and the futility of emission reduction and the Renewable Energy Targets.
- (2) Deterioration of Australia's education standards compared to international rankings.
- (3) The charade of the Safe Schools Coalition Australia (SSCA) which is a platform for sexualisation of our children and is a form of institutionalised child abuse.
- (4) Opposed the Surrogacy Legislation.
- (5) Opposed Voluntary Assisted Dying or Physician Assisted Suicide or, by any other name, of state sanctioned executions by anyone, for any reason. We support improved palliative care which is the position advocated by the Australian Medical Association. "We must kill the pain and suffering, not the person with the pain and suffering!"
- (6) The policy of "harm minimisation" for illicit drug use must be abandoned in favour of abstinence achieved by community education. Mirror the success of the anti-smoking campaign.
- (7) Support schemes such as Shalom House and Sideeffect with the aim to achieve the success of the Swedish System to rehabilitate users so they can make a contribution to society.
- (8) To pressure the Labor Government to achieve worthwhile objectives of the Red Tape Report produced by the Liberals when in power. Red tape frustration ignored by all parties in spite of the Report.
- (9) Rejected Aboriginal representation in the Constitution as detrimental to Australia as a sovereign nation. We commend Keith Windschuttle's book, "The Breakup of Australia, The Real Agenda Behind Aboriginal Recognition".

Letter Resume': To the Prime Minister Hon Scott Morrison addressing two critical areas to restore growth of the economy and the level of youth unemployment. Firstly, the climate change and emissions reduction charade must be deconstructed, listing multiple reasons including a quote from Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel stating elimination of Australia's emissions would make no difference to the earth's temperature. Secondly, Current growth rate of GDP at 1.8% pa is not acceptable. P2/4

If nothing is done it will decline further and head towards a recession. Use the projected \$3 billion surplus to invest in infrastructure programs and work with TAFE and business to support training of unemployed youth. ACARA can play a vital role in de-cluttering the Curriculum to focus on subject relevant to future hi-tech jobs.

Bans on on shore gas reserve development must be removed to create opportunity for lower energy costs. Green tape is strangling major infrastructure projects, nine years to approve Adani Coal Mine is a disgrace. Now is the time for Government and Industry to develop policies to bypass costly and unreliable renewables and bring about investments in projects which will drive employment and exports with no damage to the environment.

Letter Resume': To the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority in which the CNI highlights the declining standards of education when measured against the World in reading, maths and sciences.

Over the past 15 years a significant increase in education spending has not prepared Australian students for the ever changing technological world. Why are the States pursuing Gonski 2 which will not raise education standards? Why are some States continuing with Marx-inspired Safe Schools Coalition Australia program and the Respectful Relationships program which are nothing more than programs for the sexualisation of children? Why is gender fluidity being promoted when it has no basis in science?

Why are students allowed to march in the streets shouting Climate Change slogans which are contrary to scientific evidence? It is evident students are not taught the importance of CO2 in the atmosphere nor the history of climate changes prior to the age of industrialisation.

Does ACARA have the power to mandate what is taught in our government schools? If it does, does it also have the power to mandate what is NOT to be taught in government schools? If not, then why not as it is taxpayers money at work?

Why hasn't phonics instruction been made mandatory in the teaching of teachers and then in the schools? Recommendation on phonics made by researcher Mr Ken Rowe almost 15 years ago.

Why have the 2014 Wiltshire-Donnelly findings that "we need to de-clutter primary school, focus more on history, literacy, numeracy, science in the primary school years to give students a very good grounding... perhaps we are trying to do too much breadth and not enough depth in primary school" not been implemented?

The CNI wants to work with ACARA or anyone else to raise the standards of teachers in University training, de-clutter the curriculum and thus raise the standing of Australian students in World rankings and how parents can be more involved in the education of their children.

Letter Resume': To Hon Christian Porter regarding the Freedom of Religion issue but more specifically to the proposal that there will not be a Definition of Religion. The CNI submission to the Ruddock Committee recommended such a definition was needed as, if the matter is left to judicial interpretation, it will open the way for judicial exploitation rather than the observance of a law approved by the Parliaments of Australia. Key points being: (1) a belief in a Supernatural Being, Thing or Principle, in essence a faith based organisation. (2) Acceptance of canons of conduct in order to give effect to the belief. (3) The canons (teachings etc) are not seditious, are legal and do not advocate violence or harm to believers, non-believers or others. Understandably, a definition is politically undesirable as the furore over its application could easily raise considerable rancour in our culturally open society. A situation, which in spite of considerable criticism and agitation, has been ignored by welcoming a culturally incompatible element to Australian society. In proposing such a course of action in the debate over religious freedom the CNI consulted with leading legal commentators such as Professor Michael Quinlan, Dean, School of Law, University of Notre Dame, Sydney who has provided comprehensive and valuable advice on the legal complexities of such a definition.

China's Influence in Australia: Members and followers of the CNI will recall the Forum presentation by Paul Monk on 12 August 2018 highlighting the infiltration of influence at the highest levels of Government and amongst serving and retired public servants and politicians. Paul Monk clearly defined the extent and enormous influence the Chinese have gained in recent years. The insidious infiltration by China and co-operation by Australians in Government and Industry will now be confronted by the action of President Donald Trump conflicting with the previously unchallenged Chinese expansionism in our region.

Trump is confronting China on the trading level however that extends into the national security levels as an escalation in tension will force Australia to either favour China over trade, or side with the Americans to maintain our security blanket.

To quote Clive Hamilton whose book, *Silent Invasion, China's Influence in Australia*, published in 2018, states Chen Yonglin, first secretary for political affairs in the Chinese Consulate in Sydney, who sought political asylum in June 2005, put it plainly: Essentially in accordance with their fixed strategic plans, the Communist Party of China had begun a structured effort to infiltrate Australia in a systematic way.

Australia is seen as the 'weak link in the western camp' and has been the site for the Chinese party-state to test its methods of infiltration and subversion. He noted that Australia's openness, relatively small population, large number of Chinese immigrants and commitment to multiculturalism have weakened our capacity to recognise and defend against this threat.. In short we have opened ourselves up to it.

'Panda huggers' abound in the media, academia, business and parliament; quick to accuse bell ringers.

Confronting The Deception:

A review of this book by Swirsky is appropriate in the context of the encroaching Islamisation of Australia using techniques of shame and ridicule. Using anti-discrimination laws the free speech Australia openly enjoyed for 200 years has been slammed shut in our face. The religion of peace has been declared a protected species providing a barrier to criticism, however the lessons of the United States and Europe are to be ignored at our peril. Ultimately Australia's national security is at stake. If the United States falls to Islam, Australia will lose it's security blanket and be ripe pickings for expansionist states.

A review by Joan Swirsky, New York journalist.

Review: Since 9/11, writes Tabitha Korol in her riveting book, "Confronting The Deception: Inflamed by 9/11, fired up by eight bad years," the United States, Israel, and cultures that still value our freedoms have been fighting a battle of survival on several fronts.

The primary battle, Korol explains, is with the ideology born out of the Islamic attempt to claim Ground Zero as its Caliphate – and from there, literally to conquer the United States of America.

The religious-political-supremacist system of Islam was invented in the seventh century and has since led a relentless drive to take over the world, establish a caliphate ruled by Shariah Law – the law that mandates cutting off the clitorises of five-year-old girls, throwing homosexuals off roofs to their deaths, engaging in "honour killings" of teenage girls whose behaviour they disapprove of, and killing all Jews. **That** sharia law. It is no surprise that this megalomaniacal goal has captured the imagination of leftists worldwide, including in our country, who share Islam's goals, particularly of destroying America – the "Big Satan" – and Israel, the "Little Satan." This is a battle being fuelled by the Shadow Government of the United States of America, specifically those forces – many from the Muslim Brotherhood – that have been implanted in the highest reaches of our government – including Homeland Security, the Defence Department, the State Department, even the Oval Office – by the Obama regime, many of whom remain quite stealthily in their positions today.

A second battle is with a seriously deceptive and left wing worldwide media that overwhelmingly support, defend, and clearly identify with all entities they consider "victims" – women, blacks, Hispanics, and Muslims – and studiously hide the truths about Islam's ongoing invasion into our own country, as well as countries throughout the world. Together, they represent the Red/Green Axis – Communism and Islam.

A third battle is with our complicit school systems, which continue to fill our children's heads with relentless propaganda about Islam that is purveyed through the extreme bias of books published by Pearson Publishing Co. (the largest text book publisher in the United States)

This undisguised, even brazen, support purposely conceals the consequent tectonic changes in the intruded societies, including rampant crime, rape, no-go zones, and blatant threats to the powers-that-be that any consequences will be met with further violence. The result is that all countries to which this is happening – America included – routinely have their analyses and discussions of this threat suppressed.

Korol's exquisite talent is in persuasively refuting the lies and propaganda that are spreading like wildfire throughout the world – and in alerting all of us to the mortal dangers we face if we continue to put our heads in the sand and fail to take action against this galloping threat.

In addition to being an exhaustive examination of this urgent issue – including 822 footnotes – Korol's book is remarkably accessible and provides the reader with all the crucial information necessary to discuss this threat with credibility, refute the biased information with authority, and mobilise efforts to purge our nation of this Fifth Column menace.