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Review:

Due to the ramifications of Covid-19, there have been no meetings of the Policy Discussion Group or the Executive Committee in recent months. Nevertheless, work has been going on behind the scenes. Before looking at that, it is interesting, from time to time, to look back at the past.

The Democratic Deficit:

In 1992, CNI commenced lobbying successive Federal Governments of both political persuasions to establish a formal process when Australia entered into Treaties, Conventions, Protocols etc arguing that these should be approved by current resolutions of both Houses of Parliament before they are signed and ratified and implemented.

CNI argued that the Parliament is the body charged with carrying out the will of the people and the constitutional authority for the making of laws affecting the people. There is a 'democratic deficit' when the executive Government can enter into treaties which can then become 'law' by a decision of a Court without the Parliament having any power to allow or disallow the treaty.

Sharing CNI concern, Alexander Downer, then Leader of the Liberal party, supported the cause when he stated, in a speech to the Constitutional Centenary Foundation Conference on 6 May 1995, "...of seventeen industrialised democracies only Australia and Great Britain exclude Parliament from any meaningful role in the treaty making process".

When Mr Downer was replaced in 1996 the Coalition dropped the idea and CNI has not yet achieved change.

This 'democratic deficit' still exists as a recent report reveals that then Prime Minister, Mr Turnbull, in 2017, entered into a Treaty without consultation with the Parliament or State and Territory Governments, when he pledged to give United Nations Inspectors unrestricted access to prisons and places of detention in Australia. Known as the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture, or OPCAT this protocol commits State and Territory Governments to fund this multi-million dollar-program even though they had no say in the matter and they consider existing oversight mechanisms are sufficiently robust without UN inspections.

The OPCAT protocol allows UN Inspectors unfettered access to prisons, police stations, detention centres, juvenile justice and mental health facilities across the country.

This revelation will prompt CNI to recharge its lobbying on this issue and request that the withdrawal provisions of the protocol be activated.

The Asian Express Rail Project:

In 1998, CNI strongly promoted this project which was to build an inland railway line from Melbourne to Brisbane. The objective was to link major inland regions of the Eastern States to the Port of Darwin to provide a rapid transport route for the export of Australian produced food and resources into Asia. Linked to this proposal, CNI also lobbied for the Clarence and McLeay Rivers project and the Northern Rivers and Fitzroy River project. The Clarence and McLeay Rivers project, through diversion strategies would drought proof the Murray Darling Basin.

The Northern Rivers project would capture huge volumes of water that would otherwise flow into the ocean; this would create massive potential for many irrigation projects with the objective that Australia could become the food bowl of Asia.

The Fitzroy River could be dammed and a pipeline through to Kalgoorlie would supply water to the great mining districts and relieve the strain on Perth metro water supplies. This would avoid the

necessity for costly desalination plants and avoid turning sewerage into drinking water. It could also create further irrigation projects.

The whole exercise would lead to enormous development and settlement of the Northern region of Australia considered vital to the future security of Australia.

It is pleasing to report that the first stage of the Asian Express Railway project from Parkes to Narromine, in northern NSW, is expected to be completed by the end of 2020. The area has experienced significant employment growth on the project but, importantly, growth in local businesses supplying resources for the railway and related infrastructure construction.

Unfortunately, the water reservation projects are still much in the discussion and debate stage. There is a need for an overarching plan to set the goals and plans and then take action.

Current CNI projects:

In May 2020, the Hon Angus Taylor, Federal Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction released a discussion paper "Technology Investment Road Map – A framework to accelerate low emissions technologies".

The premise is that technology will drive a successful shift to secure, more affordable energy and low emissions. This premise is misguided. The Australian Government has invested more than \$10.4 billion in clean energy projects, including the uneconomic, environmentally damaging pumped hydro scheme Snowy 2.0. The result is that energy costs are still among the highest in the world and electricity supply is not secure in the Eastern States. Businesses are still closing down or going offshore. Aluminium smelters in Australia, employing 17,000 are under serious threat of closure due to high electricity cost and unreliability of power supply.

The drive to reduce emissions is to reduce the level of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere when what the World needs is more CO₂ in the atmosphere. CO₂ is necessary for plant, animal and human life on Earth. What Australia needs are policies to drive down electricity costs to the lowest and most reliable in the World and to raise Australia's manufacturing from the World Bank data rating of 179th in the World. CNI has responded to the discussion paper in this vein.

CNI will now lobby Federal, State and Territory Government to adopt policies to eliminate the 'democratic deficit' described above. Another initiative will be to highlight the need to restructure the University regime to eliminate the influence of the Chinese United Front organisations and the Confucius Institutes and further, to reverse the influence of cultural Marxism.

Covid-19:

The Council for the National Interest has been forced to modify normal activities to meet the WA Government regulations for social isolation currently now in place until 24th October 2020.

Policy Branch meetings have been put on hold until after restrictions have been lifted.

In Western Australia, debate by our elected representatives has evaporated into proclamations by the Executive which is basking in the glory of controlled infection rates. With an election in the air the Government will play the political game without risk of venturing into the unknown.

Interestingly why is it that doctors at the front line in treating Covid-19 infections in various locations around the world have been maligned for recommending the primary treatment of Hydroxychloroquine, plus Zinc, plus Azithromycin within the first 5 to 7 days of the onset of Covid-19 symptoms?

Refer to an Open Letter to Dr Fauci, American Spectator 17 Aug 2020.

<https://spectator.org/questions-for-dr-fauci/>

This article explains how thousands of lives could have been saved based upon real world experience without hospital treatment and no intubation. This degree of censorship has been evident during the whole phase of Covid-19 infection which beggars the question as to who gains advantage from such censorship?

When panic is mistaken for policy is an excellent article by Dr Augusto Zimmermann published in Quadrant Australia. <http://quadrant.org.au/opinion/qed/2020/08/when-panic-is-mistaken-for-policy-2/>

Dr Zimmermann makes a very cogent argument against lockdown as enforced throughout the Western World quoting eminent sources, who are all predicting a massive fallout in mental health. It is more than evident the cure will be proven worse than the disease, however no politician or expert specialist bureaucrat will ever be held to account.

Mandatory Vaccines:

Vaccines have proved successful over the past 65 years however when dictatorial governments are openly advocating mandatory vaccination as a core strategy to contain any further outbreaks of Covid-19 infection the issue of safety cannot be ignored. Various scientists quote periods of 2 years as a minimum and possibly as long as 10 years for a safe vaccine to be released to the public.

The possible imposition of mandatory vaccinations has certainly raised the safety issue of vaccines into public debate.

Offering a treatment on a voluntary basis is a far call from a mandatory requirement policed by health authorities. State governments are progressing down the path of dictatorial edicts with Victoria leading in the dictatorship stakes.

Recommended reading on the politics and science of vaccines is "Plague of Corruption" by Dr Judy Mikovits and Kent Heckenlively. The book is heavy reading but it lays out the background to the development of scientific manipulation of viruses which have now entered into our environment. Anthony S. Fauci, (White House task force advisor) the Wuhan Laboratory and North Carolina University are all referenced as being interconnected in the development of a man made virus.

The book also raises the issue of the U.S 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act which provided protection for the pharmaceutical industry from litigation liability. Under the 1986 Act all liability is removed from pharmaceutical companies for any injuries or deaths caused by their childhood vaccines. To date, 2016, over \$4 billion has been paid out on claims for children injured by vaccines.

This vaccine court is conducted to different standards compared with liability claims through normal court proceedings. Each case is unique where a vaccine found to cause injury in one case cannot be used in a subsequent case. Court permission is required first before seeking documents on the safety of vaccines. Companies do not have to hand over all relevant documents and discovery is only with approval of the court. Any information on safety is then hidden from others making a similar claim.

There are a whole group of scientists who have highlighted the development of vaccines released on the world with data supporting their suppositions. View interviews by Brian Rose on website www.londonreal.tv including Dr Judy Mikovits, Dr Sherri Tenpenny, Dr Rashid Buttar, Dr Zach Bush, Dr Andrew Wakefield, commentators Del Bigtree, Robert F. Kennedy Jnr, movie producers Mikki Willis & David E. Martin.

Aboriginal Sovereignty:

The Aboriginal industry is gathering more political mileage with the brainwashing of the general public who are fundamentally unaware of the design to create an Australia with multiple Aboriginal nations covering 60% of the continent. Australians would be wise to educate themselves about the political challenges heading their way before the process overwhelms any semblance of common sense still left in our progressive society.

Highly recommended reading is Keith Windschuttle's book, "The Break-Up of Australia. The real agenda behind Aboriginal recognition" His book counters the myths constantly circulated about lack of recognition and voting rights before Federation. Aboriginals were voting throughout the 1890's including Qld and WA where there were property qualifications for voting. Aboriginal people had full citizenship in 1901. In 1788 there was no sovereign nation in Australia and the term "terra nullius" as an expression of law did not appear until 1975 in a case before the International Court of Justice. The term did not appear in a dictionary until 1981 (Macquarie).

H.C. Nugget Coombs was a high profile Public Servant and advisor to several Prime Ministers who was very active in promoting Aboriginal culture beyond reality. According to Coombs, Aboriginals lived in a land of paradise before the white man arrived. This distortion of nomadic life before white settlement has taken on a mystical story constantly repeated as fact.

For an understanding of some of the realities of Aboriginal culture the book by Geoff McDonald, "Red Over Black" published in 1982 will dispel some of the majestic nomad lifestyle notions. Geoff was the Australian Nursing Federation representative spending time with nursing staff in remote settlements of the NT, Qld & NSW. The book Red over Black is available from Mannkal Foundation, 3/31 Hood St, Subiaco, WA 6008, 08 9382 1288.

For further reference is another excellent book by Gary Johns in 2014, "Recognise What?" includes contributors who are of Aboriginal descent.

Tony Thomas published an article in Quadrant 15 January 2019, titled "Never Too Young For Brainwashing".

To quote Tony's article: "Reconciliation Australia is specifically targeting what it calls 'our littlest children' in pre-schools for all the current campaigns of Aboriginal activism. Its goal is to 'impact the hearts, minds and actions of early learners.' Target groups include long day care, occasional care, family day care, playgroups, creches and kindergartens. Close to 700 of these so far have signed on for thorough-going Reconciliation makeovers, starting with a flag out the front and extending to discussion of whether the national anthem is racist. The conditioning between the ages of three and five soften up toddlers for Reconciliation Australia's political crusading in primary and high schools."

Tony Thomas's book "Come To Think Of It" published 2020 has a section titled Musings on Aboriginal Issues with three chapters headed (1) A nice little money earner invented yesterday (2) The truth about SA's 'stolen generations' (3) Never too young for a brainwashing.

Awareness of political manipulations by activists is an important component in maintaining a society in balance with conflicting ideas and aspirations.

Future CNI Forums:

Until the WA border restriction is lifted the forums planned have been deferred until presenters can travel freely to Western Australia without the threat of a 14 day isolation. The WA Government social isolation restrictions are due to be lifted on 24th October, however political reality is the likelihood of a Christmas or New Year, or possibly longer delay, before normality takes hold. Proposed forum planned about the **Net Zero CO2 Emissions by 2050: Unleashing the madness!**

Will it bankrupt Australia? Do you know what Net Zero Gas Emissions really means and the folly of politicians' net zero targets?