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Welcome Members and Supporters:

Our apologies for delayed communications which have been keyed to several booking dates for seminars covering the Zero Emissions by 2050 and the question about developing a nuclear power industry. Unfortunately Covid-19 mandatory injections requiring proof thereof proved difficult in finding a venue to accommodate vaxxed and unvaxxed members. Mandatory injection is an anathema to a significant number of Western Australians who will not consent to being coerced into accepting an unproven emergency drug, provisionally approved for use in Australia by the TGA.

In the meantime the CNI policy committee under the chairmanship of Denis Whitely has been busy behind the scenes with submissions, resolutions and lobbying letters. There is still a place in the world for communications via the written word as the electronic medium suffers from overload. The following list are issues of national interest your active members have been pursuing:

(1) Freedom of Religion, Attorney-General Michaela Cash has presented amendments to Parliament without any firm resolutions and as a consequence moving the matter into the pre-election period of a May 2022 election date. The outcome may not resolve the conflicting issues to the satisfaction of all parties. Suggest the point of view expressed by Bernard Gaynor is very realistic if freedom of religion is to be achieved in opposition to an atheist perspective. (bernardgaynor.com.au) His perspective may be the best to succeed in delivering freedom of religion however the task ahead in our hedonist society is fraught with difficulty.

(2) WA Law Reform Commission review of 1984 Equal Opportunity Act. Submissions closed 29 October 2021. With Labor controlling both houses it is unlikely that discrimination laws will relax to accommodate religious institutions, schools or industry. The freedom to discriminate is a fundamental right as to who is to be employed for any position. Teachers are the current high profile targets in schools striving to maintain their value systems.

(3) Charities, Elections and Advocacy. Between 59-60,000 registered NFP, all with tax free status. The CNI Policy Committee has been monitoring this sector of Government bureaucracy for some time. Review of Not For Profits (NFP) via Australian Charities and Not for Profits (ACNC) is ongoing. This sector of society has been distorted over the last 40 years of culturally incompatible influence in an Australia renowned for its volunteer culture. It is possibly time to cancel all tax free organisations and re-register those clearly defined charities who in the national interest specifically and traditionally provide charitable support to human society.

(4) The CNI Executive is in favour of a Royal Commission into Australian universities. More transparency is required for sponsorship by industry and a search for knowledge over profit by more objective research, especially when taxpayer funding is a motivational stimulator. Proposal to amalgamate four poorly performing WA universities into a mega organisation and somehow raise them to a higher world ranking is wishful thinking. UWA has rated among top 25 in the world but is now fallen to about 99. Terms of reference are being compiled as part of our proposition and any contribution towards a comprehensive instruction input by CNI members would be greatly appreciated.

(5) Chinese Communist Party Influence in Australian Universities via Confucius Institutes. China and the changing regional geopolitical dynamics, especially with current American administration, is an ongoing concern. The influence by the CCP in Australia's geopolitical debate is unlikely to dissipate under existing political patronage. The forthcoming Federal election may highlight such influence on the national political scene especially in light of the Ukraine war and the worldwide destabilisation of co-operation between democratic nations.

(6) Review of school curriculum by ACARA. Following up submissions made by the CNI regarding the declining standards in English Expression and in Mathematics. Education Departments are manipulating social issues, gender fluidity, environmental disasters and the mantra of climate change politics into classrooms while teachers are distracted from their main role. Child care and transgender-gestational parents should not be issues within the school domain. The Australian of 25 May 2021 quotes analysis by the ACER concluding the lack of academic skills by students combined with the shortage of qualified specialist teachers is contributing to poorer numeracy and literary skills. As if the young impressionable minds, from foundation to year 10, don't have enough distractions they may be caught up in further mandated "consent education" for which a draft curriculum is scheduled for consideration this April. All Australian schools under ACARA will be required to teach consent education – which includes coercion, gendered stereotypes and power imbalances – all adult concepts that further isolates parents from their parental responsibilities. Consent education at a time in our culture which is awash with internet pornography may produce harmful effects on children. Protecting the most vulnerable in our society within schools should not divide parents from their children.

(7) Voter Identity and Electoral Fraud Submission. CNI submission accepted 28 Sept 2021 which is an accomplishment in its own right. The CNI submission was an updated version of our rejected 25th March 2004 contribution. Voting integrity attracts a very vocal opposition. Fraudulent votes diminish the value of an elector's vote especially in an electorate where a winning margin can be less than 100 votes. The CNI has consistently advocated for voter ID and a more secure regime to verify addresses and existence of postal voters. The extent of electronics in the voting process should be limited to ensuring only one vote has been lodged per registered voter. In the past multiple votes could be lodged by attending several polling booths when electoral officers merely ruled a line through the entry in the roll. There is still a place for paper ballots stored for possible recounting which has occurred in previous elections. The last American presidential election in 2020 raised the issue of fraudulent electronic manipulation and data hacking to cast doubts on future computer based voting systems.

(8) The folly of Net Zero CO2 Emissions by 2050. Unfortunately Tony Thomas' forum for November 2021 was withdrawn due to flight cancellation by the airline, a consequence of WA Covid border restrictions. We will aim for a rescheduled date as the issue is of national significance and cannot be ignored.

(9) Nuclear Energy Industry for Australia. Topic for next forum now provisionally scheduled for June 2022. National defence strategy for nuclear submarines has raised the issue of nuclear power to a new level. The nuclear debate will include a major emphasis on cost of power supplies across all sectors of the power generation industries, coal, oil, hydro and nuclear.

The debate also includes the challenge of repealing restrictive environmental parliamentary Acts.

Australian universities and technical training colleges vacated the field of qualified nuclear engineers and technical staff due to a government mandate restricting any nuclear industry. Australia isolated itself from an industry in which the nation has a world class abundance of uranium with the largest uranium deposit in the world at Olympic Dam in South Australia.

(10) WA Mental Health Act review, submissions closed on 31 Jan 2022.

Mental health and illicit drugs policy have been led by academics and government bureaucrats for decades. The CNI together with the NCC & AFA & the Dalgarno Institute have lobbied for a drug free policy instead of the failed Harm Minimisation Policy of successive governments. The successful anti smoking campaign is a template worth emulating. We have been encouraged by the success of Shalom House drug rehabilitation with their no drugs policy. Shalom has a strict regime in their rehabilitation of men with shattered lives without the excessive expense incurred by government bureaucracies. Evidently successful treatment provided by Shalom House is insufficient evidence for WA bureaucrats to change from a no harm policy. A success built without government funding.

(11) Hydrogen powered vehicles. The real cost has not been advertised by proponents, however the environmental gain will prove to be illusionary. Government subsidies for the hydrogen industry is the main game for the immediate future. Hydrogen fuel production requires a cheap and plentiful source of energy to be of any economic advantage. Refer to the article below by Ben Beattie titled Hydrogen: hype or net-zero hero?

(12) The future of Western Civilisation is at stake if all vestige has been removed from school and university curriculum. This aspect of education is another ACARA issue the CNI is pursuing besides english expression and mathematics. The Ramsay Centre has been working to establish a chair of Western Civilisation in Australian Universities against opposition from tutors and student organisations. Ramsay Centre has been successful in three universities, U of Qld, Australian Catholic U and U of Wollongong after aggressive rejections from others. How do we encourage school children to understand their history if teacher training in classical Western Civilisation is isolated by leftist academics? It is surprisingly sudden how Australian history has been rewritten by leftist academics such that white Europeans are now oppressors and the future is in the hands of the oppressed. The CNI believe a pathway is through a Royal Commission review and persistent encouragement of wealthy conservative benefactors.

(13) Where is aboriginal sovereignty leading Australia? This issue is inter-related with the attack on Western Civilisation. Dividing the nation by race will be detrimental to Australian Sovereignty and feed the globalist movement to Australia's disadvantage. Racial disharmony is already evident in everyday Australian society in politics, the arts and sport. The accusations of genocide and racial discrimination are regular headlines in the mainstream media and even more so in the Government owned and controlled ABC and SBS media outlets.

Hydrogen: hype or net-zero hero?

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In the climate wars, hyperbole is weaponised and groupthink rewarded. We are standing witness as hydrogen becomes the latest trend in carbon piety to capture the attention of elites.

For decades hydrogen (H) has been used as a coolant in large generators, a propellant in rockets, and as a building block for fertiliser. Hydrogen's latest incarnation invokes the Hollywood-like properties of saving the world. The phrases 'net-zero' and 'green hydrogen' have been thrust into the lexicon faster than 'flatten the curve' became 'vaccine passport'.

Net-zero is greenhouse gas emissions lowered to the point where the planet's natural carbon cycle scrubs the atmosphere of all traces of human activity. This is supposed to stabilise the climate by eliminating all long-term temperature change, cancelling extreme weather events, and forever halting sea-level change on every shoreline on the planet.

Green hydrogen is produced by passing electricity through water. But some hydrogen is more 'green' than others, and green electrolysis must be generated by wind and solar. Blue hydrogen is extracted from natural gas (methane) and brown hydrogen is extracted from coal. Has been for decades.

Keen observers may have noticed the renewable industry, its lobby groups and compliant media enthusiastically promote green hydrogen, without clearly describing how it can be used or its true production costs. As with most too- good-to-be-true products, once you scratch the surface the difficulties with hydrogen emerge.

- Metal embrittlement, via molecular weakening of steel, ensures hydrogen cannot be loaded into existing gas pipelines beyond a small percentage mix.
- Electrolysis consumes 50 kWh (an average household consumes 16 kWh) and 9 kg of water for every kilogram of hydrogen gas. But one kg of hydrogen gas can only produce enough electricity for one household (18 kWh)
- Low energy content by volume (one third the energy content of natural gas), means that mixing hydrogen into a natural gas pipeline dilutes the energy content, consuming more gas overall.
- Modelling assumptions by the CSIRO (National Hydrogen Roadmap, Table 45) place green hydrogen costs at around \$6,000 per tonne with an 85% capacity factor, but the green hydrogen dream is powered by wind and solar with a lifetime 30% capacity factor; meanwhile hydrogen from coal (by gasification) costs around \$2,000/t.
- Hydrogen gas Electricity required for hydrogen gas production is five times the amount generated by a gas turbine burning hydrogen.

Media and lobby groups want us to believe the environmental benefits of green hydrogen lay in its ability to replace coal, gas and oil in heavy industry such as steel, transport and fertilisers. They fail to address how these industries are expected to retool, reinvest and rebuild to become the massive hydrogen consumers required to meet net-zero targets. Not to mention the resources necessary to produce and transport the enormous amounts of hydrogen required to replace coal, gas and oil — a complete industrial revolution.

Twiggy Forrest is preaching 15 million tonnes per year of green hydrogen production in Australia. This will require 750 TWh of electricity production, more than three times Australia's total annual electricity demand (224 TWh), along with 135 million tonnes of water. In keeping with green hydrogen theology, that 750 TWh requires 285,000 MW of intermittent wind and solar capacity. That is almost five times Australia's total generation capacity from all sources (60,000 MW). It is a lofty goal considering the last twelve months of wind and solar generation in the entire country would produce just over 1 million tonnes of green hydrogen.

In these figures lies the truth behind the renewable lobby's support for green hydrogen. The last two decades' subsidies and targets for wind and solar are minuscule compared to the bonanza of taxpayer money about to be sacrificed on green hydrogen in the name of net-zero. Since green hydrogen stands on the shoulders of wind and solar, the renewables lobby is being handed the keys to the kingdom — a wind and solar industry so large the domestic electricity market is a mere side effect.

It is telling that the planet is not already powered by hydrogen. There is no green hydrogen industry. There are only corporates and lobby groups with their hands out for taxpayer funding, and a bunch of politicians only too willing to hand it over.

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End The Climate Hysteria

Included in this April 2022 newsletter is an insert authored by David Archibald aimed at ending the climate hysteria being generated in the lead up to the 21st May 2022 Federal Election.

David has nominated as an Independent candidate in the forthcoming Federal Election standing for the electorate of Curtin.

David has authored several books: "Hormones with Harmony", The role of phytoestrogens in modulating the female hormone system. "American Gripen: The solution to the F-35 Nightmare", The F-35 is a dog and we need Saab's Gripen-E instead. "The Anticancer Garden in Australia", The science of cancer and the plant molecules that kill cancer. "Twilight of Abundance", "Australia's Defence 2016 & Beyond".

David was also lead speaker at CNI Forum, 17 Nov 2015, on the topic of Australia's Defence Budget.