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Forum:

Keynote address by Richard Fernandez and Book Launch by Dr Augusto Zimmermann

We are pleased to advise the next CNI Forum is to be held on Sunday 2nd December, 2.30-4.30pm at the Royal Perth Yacht Club, Australia II Drive, Crawley Bay, Nedlands 6009.

Our keynote speaker is Richard Fernandez to address the topic of:

“What Must Australia Do To Stay The Lucky Country?”

Richard Fernandez is an information operations analyst, having gained his doctorate in Public Policy from Harvard University. He is best known for his popular web-blog, Belmont Club, hosted on the conservative *PJMedia* site. He's been quoted in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *London Times*, to name a few notable newspapers, <https://pjmedia.com/richardfernandez/> Richard hails from the Philippines, but is now an Australian citizen, living in Sydney.

Dr Augusto Zimmermann: Book Launch

The Council for the National Interest is privileged to host the launch of Dr Augusto Zimmermann's third book in his series, *Christian Foundations of the Common Law, Volume 3: Australia*.

Dr Zimmermann's first two books, Vol 1: England & Vol 2: The United States, proved to be excellent reading, not only for legal practitioners and students, but for the general reader interested in understanding how common law has been built on Christian Foundations. Enthusiastic supporters of Western Civilisation will appreciate these books in defence of our culture. Books will be available for sale at the book launch. Sunday 2nd December, 2.30-4.30pm at RPYC.

CNI Policy Group Meetings.

Under the chairmanship of CNI Executive Director Denis Whitely the Policy Group has conducted regular monthly meetings throughout the year. The Policy Group originally consisted of several independent groups meeting to propose policy, draft letters on relevant matters of national interest and encourage individual letter writing. Over time the CNI Policy Group has reduced to one active group, meeting monthly. New participants are always welcome, if only to determine whether this lobbying process is compatible with your own aspirations.

Current issues the Policy Group has under review include:

(1) Education curriculum and Electronic Education (E Learning infiltration) and inadequate Gonski 2.0 report. (2) Religious Freedom and the release of the Ruddock Report. (3) Foreign funding influencing Australian Universities. (4) Confucius Institutes and manipulation of political influence within Australian Universities. (5) Law Reform Commission denial of birth sex identity on Birth Certificates. (6) Free Speech at University of WA after cancellation of venue booked by Alumni. Questions raised at Convocation specifically addressing the issue swept aside. (7) Sexualisation of children and the damage done by the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program. (8) Islamisation of Australia and the issue of Wahhabi funding influence in Australian Universities. (9) Developing an updated Drug Policy. (10) Aboriginal Sovereignty and related Aboriginal Industry issues. (11) Reviewing Australian Charities and Not for Profits, destination of funds. (12) National Energy Guarantee, Renewables, Energy security and cost. (13) Climate warming or climate change industry, withdraw from the Paris agreement. (14) Euthanasia and the Government's End of Life report.

In the current climate of marxist political correctness, unstable government and an atmosphere of anti-Australian cultural sentiment there are more than enough issues needing the attention of an activist group of like minded Australians.

Letter To The Editor, Published by The West Australian.

By CNI Treasurer and Committeeman Laurie Eastwood, 28 Sept 2018.

School Funding Misinformation:

The Federal Government's very sensible restoration of \$4.6 billion of funding to Catholic and other non-govt school students over the next ten years , previously removed under Turnbull's Gonski 2.0 proposals , has attracted all the usual inaccurate and misleading comments , but a lack of relevant statistics .

It should again be noted that the Commonwealth doesn't employ any teachers or run any schools and, according to the 2017 National Report on Schooling , out of a total of \$56b recurrent spending by States , Territories and the Commonwealth on all schools in 2015/16 , the Federal contribution was still only \$16b, or 28% - the States and Territories provided the other \$40b, of which \$36.5b (91%) was spent on the 2.45m students (65%) who attend Government Schools .

PM Scott Morrison's \$460m per year restoration (over the next decade) amounts to only 5% of the \$9.3b annual savings provided to taxpayers by the 1.3m (34.8%) students who attend Catholic and other non-govt schools (and who still only receive 23.8% of total recurrent spending) – not to mention the billions of dollars spent by NGS parents in providing approx. 85% of their own capital requirements every year .

In 2015/16 , total public recurrent spending averaged \$17275 per GS student and only \$10147 per NGS student , a gap of \$7128 per student , which resulted in the 1.3m NGS students saving taxpayers \$9.3b – this spending gap increased from \$5433 to \$7128 per student over the 10 years to 30/6/16 , saving taxpayers \$80b in that decade alone .

C/W recurrent funding , which now provides \$6b a year to State schools , was originally introduced by the Gorton/Fraser Govt in 1970 to partly redress the imbalance caused by grossly inadequate levels of State funding for NGS students compared to GS students .

The disgraceful Gonski 2.0 “ Schooling Resource Standard “ mechanism discounts NGS students' funding entitlements by the amount of fees that can be squeezed out of their parents . Of course , no such penalties apply to GS students and their parents , who can spend their after-tax disposable income on a bigger house , a third car , a boat or a trip overseas without penalty - but , the moment a NGS parent decides to spend some of their hard-earned on the education of their children in the school of their choice , the public funding purse strings are drawn tight .

Even the latest \$460m a year restoration will be distributed on the basis of personal income tax records ! – Government School students and their parents qualify automatically for their full taxpayer funding , based on their choice of school – why should their Non Government School neighbours be subjected to this intrusive and discriminatory procedure?

Bernard Gaynor 7 Nov 2018

The following is a condensed extract from Bernard Gaynor's report on his appalling treatment by the Australian judicial system. The Catholic Archbishop of Hobart Julian Porteous suffered accusations of a similar nature over the same sex debacle costing excessive amounts before the complaint was withdrawn. It is an appalling state of affairs when fellow Australians are abused by the system for standing up for their rights. The process has been weaponised to become the punishment by minorities over the majority view. Is this the Australia, paid for in blood and treasury, we wish to pass onto the next generation?

“Tomorrow the New South Wales District Court will hear argument as to whether Gary Burns' defamation action against me is an abuse of process. I believe I have a very strong case. I am just not sure that the system works anymore. If I win, I hope it will be the victory that leads to the end of the systemic attack on me and my family. But even if I do, I can't be sure. I've won unanimously in the High Court of Australia yet the assault on us continues stronger than ever.

If I lose, it will be a doorway to disaster. Burns has stated that he is intent on litigating me into the ground. To harass me. To humiliate me. To bankrupt me. To destroy me. He has stated that he wants to take my assets. He has stated that he does not care if he forces my wife and children into the gutter. He can no longer do the former. But he can still do the latter. A loss will give him and other activists a green light to ramp up their attacks. In the last six years I have been subjected to more than 80 taxpayer-funded investigations, inquiries and court cases about my views on marriage, family and morality. That really is quite incredible. It has also taken a toll. The apparatus of state is being mercilessly geared up to silence and destroy those prepared to express any support for a concept of natural law and natural family. I am just an early target. If I am destroyed there will no doubt be others thrust down this torturous path. When they start working on 'high profile' targets – those who have refused to get involved in these matters – any case law generated against me will be used to tear them down. But we are not there yet. And we may never reach that point if we continue to battle and win. The reality, at the moment, is that I have won every battle bar one. And not a single specific complaint against me has been substantiated. I estimate that more than \$5 million of taxpayers' money – your money – has been used in the attempt to destroy me. I have seen some of the bills floating around. It is certain that millions have been spent. Twelve months ago more than 40 of the most senior barristers and lawyers in Australia – sent by every state apart from South Australia – gathered in the High Court to argue against me. The cost for those two days alone would be close to \$500,000. Yet they had been working on that case for approximately six months before the hearing. Some had beavered away on it for a year and a half.

I am tired. I am frustrated. Truth be told, I am also scared of what may come and what it will mean for my family. Two things have sustained me. Firstly, your generosity and support which I will forever be grateful for. So many of you have sacrificed to assist me, my wife and our children. The second is God. He has known about this battle throughout eternity. He has known every frustration I would face and sent me the means necessary to face them. So often I have done so imperfectly. Please pray for me that I maintain my faith and hope in God. He will have His victory. I must simply have the courage to play the role He has for me in it."

Bernard Gaynor needs the support of people who believe in an Australia whose culture has been established through two major wars with a Judeo-Christian foundation base.

Refer to Bernard's website for further articles and offer as much support as possible.

<http://bernardgaynor.com.au>

Paul Monk's presentation on "China's Influence In Australian Politics."

The CNI Forum conducted on 12 August with speaker Paul Monk provided attendees with a lesson on China's progress of influence throughout Australia's political elite.

Paul introduced his speech by addressing the accusation of "China bashing" by many voices in politics and business by quoting Clive Hamilton from his recently published book, *Silent Invasion: China's Influence in Australia*. He wrote: *Through the decades of the close relationship our big ally has never threatened to take away our freedoms. The United States never had the kind of economic leverage over Australia that China has, nor made threats to damage us if we did not toe its line. It hasn't endangered our democratic system of elected governments and its government has never attempted to erode the rule of law. Nor has it attempted to mobilise a diaspora to oppose Australian policy. The United States government has never shut down dissenting views in Australia, even ones harshly critical of the USA. Can we imagine the United States using our laws to frighten publishers into dropping a book criticising it?* An experience Clive Hamilton suffered in the process of getting his book published.

Paul then spent 45 minutes outlining the very real dangers Australia faces from China's influence. In our next newsletter we will define in detail Paul's astute observations and conclusions.

Bourke St, Melbourne, Islamic Terrorism.

As an insert to this newsletter we have included an item by John Elsegood and another by Augusto Zimmermann. Both items very pertinent to the issue of the islamisation of Australia.

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