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## Newsletter June 2019



### Introduction:

Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Council for the National Interest.

Commentary, criticism or congratulations is always welcome as we are aware that some readers may have a different perspective of our national interest.

### Conference:

We are pleased to promote the forthcoming conference organised by Sheridan College under the guidance of Dr. Augusto Zimmermann on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

The conference is titled: **Religious Freedom at the Crossroads,**

**The Rise of Anti-Christian Sentiment in the West.**

Keynote speaker is Professor Emeritus William Wagner, Cooley Law School, President & CEO of Salt & Light Global.

The conference extends from Friday evening through to all day Saturday at Sheridan College, 10 Nash St, East Perth. The list of 14 speakers includes some of the finest Christian legal minds in Australia and also a distinguished group of conference moderators. (refer to the enclosed flyer)

For conference bookings go to the website <http://crossroads2019.weebly.com/>

The conference is aimed at the legal profession as it hopes to draw past and current legal practitioners into the active support of our Australian culture before the intolerance towards our Christian heritage becomes enshrined in laws thereby prohibiting the free expression of our culturally Christian roots.

The best legal minds are necessary to protect freedoms enshrined in our laws before they are undermined by secular driven parliaments, State and Federal, intent on removing freedom of expression from our Constitutional rights.

Wilful blindness to the attack on our freedom of speech, freedom to discriminate and freedom of thought will inevitably lead Australia down the path being experienced in the United Kingdom.

In July 2017 Andrea Williams, a Practising Barrister, from the UK who heads a Christian support group in London known as Christian Concern, travelled to Australia at the invitation of FamilyVoice to present a warning of what will follow if the secularists succeed in undermining our current Constitutional rights.

Andrea heads a team of over 20 lawyers who pro-bono represent Christians in the UK courts for exercising their legal rights. Christians are being charged on the streets, in workplaces, in faith schools and hospitals for actions and deeds previously accepted as normal Christian behaviour.

<https://www.christianconcern.com>

The British police have become the enforcers for elite political secularists, targeting Christians.

In this era of multiculturalism the British police provide special protective support to those who openly cry out to overthrow British law. It is not an offence to call for the demise of democracy and the application of Sharia Law but banned from quoting the bible and promoting biblical principles.

The hypocrisy of the ruling elite knows no bounds.

For a better perspective of the importance of maintaining current laws which enshrine our rights is to read Dr Augusto Zimmermann's books on the Christian Foundations of the Common Law, Australia, England and the United States. These three volumes should be prescribed reading for anyone concerned about the manipulation of our current laws by judicial and secular activists. Volume 3, Chapter 30, titled "The Myth of Secular Neutrality" quotes journalist Greg Sheridan prediction, "the eclipse of Christianity will be like the eclipse of the sun. Darkness will be the result". And further, Dostoyevsky in 'The Brothers Karamazov': If God does not exist, everything is permitted.

### **Federal Election:**

The Federal election held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 delivered the conservatives a return to Government much to the relief of their supporters. Depending upon your political outlook the Morrison success was a miracle, or an inspired leadership election battle defeating an opposition who believed in their own publicity.

Have the Liberals learnt any lessons to reunite their divided supporter base?

Disenchanted Liberals may have swung to the minor parties out of frustration but delivered their votes to the conservatives as the alternative looming was perceived as a major disaster.

Can the disenchanted Liberals expect the Morrison government to tackle the issues that have split the party?

Only time will tell, and the clock is running as there are contentious issues which need addressing early in the three year circle before the incumbent start navel gazing as the next election approaches.

Cynical observers will be measuring the Government's performance closely and a measure of it's conservative integrity will become obvious in the short term.

### **China's Political Influence in Australia:**

The CNI Forum held on 12 August 2018 featuring speaker Paul Monk highlighted the influence China was exhibiting in Australia, stimulated by the publication of Clive Hamilton's "Silent Invasion – China's Influence in Australia".

Paul Monk pointed out that China is a trading partner and not an ally of Australia. The ambitions of China's leadership cannot be ignored when the issue of influence in Australia's political affairs is being raised.

Paul is quoted that he, as the former head of China analysis in the DIO, found it rather interesting to find so many senior government figures and so many senior business figures taking China's side these days.

Will China mutate into a more just, more open, more transparent, more equitable nation or will the path of authoritarian China and militarisation continue?

If any CNI members would like more detail of Paul's presentation please make a request via email to [admin@cniwa.com.au](mailto:admin@cniwa.com.au) for a text copy.

Clive Hamilton started the China review with his book, now followed by American author William J. Holstein with his new publication, New Art of War, detailing China's President Xi Jinping targeting the United States with his 'China dream'.

While Australia is engaged in the discussion about Chinese influence, this book by Holstein opens a whole new area of strategic infiltration under the so called trade war being waged with the Trump Administration. According to Holstein China has its own definition of fairness when dealing with foreign countries.

Americans are now being presented with the realisation expressed by Holstein as a massive, co-ordinated assault taking place on American technology, perhaps the largest, fastest transfer of intellectual property in human history, and much of it taking place on US soil.

However closer to home here in Western Australia an article by Wai Ling Yeung & Clive Hamilton published in the China Brief, Vol 19, Issue 9 discusses "How Beijing is Shaping Politics in Western Australia" brings the China influence question into sharp focus.

<https://jamestown.org/program/how-beijing-is-shaping-politics-in-western-australia>

The Western Australia Chinese Liberal Club and the Australian Chinese Labor Association may be considered nothing unusual in our enforced multicultural environment, however it is the influence of the Chinese Communist Party which these two organisations facilitate that is of concern.

The WA Government ignored warnings from Canberra about the security risks posed by awarding a contract to Huawei for installation and maintenance of Perth's railway communication network. The Federal Government has banned Huawei equipment from the nation's 5G network, as have other nations.

The article is extensive and detailed in naming the participants and their Chinese communist connections. This short reference cannot do justice to the extensive research done by Wai Ling Yeung as presented in the article. Refer to the link for the full scope of the expose'.

Across the ditch in New Zealand it is reported by Tara Chan of Business Insider, that China's communist party has so much power in New Zealand that Western countries might stop sharing intelligence.

Peter Mattis, a former CIA China expert testified to the US-China Economic and Security Review 2/4

Commission of the failure by New Zealand to respond to interference attempts by the Chinese Communist Party. Australian security investigations have confirmed CCP influence within all levels of politics in both countries. Australia is reportedly proposing legislation to deal with Chinese interference however can we rely on political will for enforcement?

### **Methamphetamine Drug Scourge:**

The CNI became more involved in following the issue of illicit drug abuse in Western Australia when CNI hosted a Forum on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016 featuring speakers Jay Bacik from Drug Free Australia, Assoc Prof Stuart Reece and Peter Lyndon-James of Shalom House. Another Forum on 21 May 2017 featured speakers Jo Baxter from DFA and Rod Bridge of Sideeffect.

CNI had been encouraged to take a more active interest in the fight to reduce demand for illicit drugs by campaigners of more than 30 years involved with their frontline organisation, Coalition Against Drugs.

Recently the WA Government released in November 2018, The Methamphetamine Action Plan Taskforce Final Report. The report of 294 pages contains a enormous amount of input and proposals to spend an allocation of \$131.7 Million for the implementation of the Action Plan.

It is very welcoming to have an allocation of a huge sum of taxpayer funds however the expenditure will inevitably be diluted by Departmental bureaucracies. Unfortunately the plan covers more of the same action and believes that they will achieve success repeating the same strategy that has failed over the past 40 years.

Drug Free Australia and the Coalition Against Drugs have been beating the same drum all these years and the Departmental bureaucrats and Academia keep on with the same HARM MINIMISATION strategy. It is a strategy that has failed and will continue to fail as long as the demand for illicit drugs is not actioned as a priority. Successful strategy targeting demand side of the fight against illicit drugs has examples in Sweden and Iceland and also in several states in the USA.

A key part of the strategy is rehabilitation of existing users who have to be compelled into a course of rehab or suffer the ongoing consequences of their choice. The Police and Social workers are the front line contacts who provide the initial encouragement towards rehab. Drug users who realise their need for rehab and desire to be drug free are on the first rung of the ladder to achieving a drug free status.

Organisations such as Shalom House are successful in returning broken men back to their families and into society as functioning members of our society. There are equivalent organisations for females and teenagers who play an excellent role. These organisations have the ability and proven capability to rehabilitate drug users but they are poorly funded by Government.

Also promote Dr George O'Neil's Naltrexone treatment over the addictive and risky methadone which is favoured by the Harm Minimisation supporters.

The other part of a Demand Reduction strategy is to promote the desire to be a drug free individual in a Drug Free society. The Government has a proven strategy in the successful anti-smoking campaign achieving a reduction in smoking habits which society enjoys today.

School targeted operations such as Rod Bridge's Sideeffect should be more extensively funded to educate children and their parents at the grass roots of society. Peter Lyndon-James with his Shalom House model has a proven track record and has a starting point whereby the addict must first want to quit taking illicit drugs. Without that initial commitment the lure of a good time with mind bending drugs will keep the addict trapped and continue the cycle of abuse.

The police will still have to target the big drug dealers in the short term but the Swedish experience shows that police resources are directed more towards rehabilitation support with a resultant lower incarceration rate which in Sweden resulted in closing gaols.

A potential plan for the future is to remove the Action Plan from existing government bureaucracies into a separate Department with the funding and authority to concentrate on a demand reduction plan with an ultimate goal of doing itself out of a job. In other words, not a bureaucratic empire building exercise. 3/4

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