

# Council for the National Interest

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## December 2019 Newsletter

### Review:

As the year draws to a close we will touch on some of the topics the CNI Policy Group has been pursuing under the chairmanship of CNI Executive Director Denis Whitely. While we had plans for extra forums this year however, due to speaker availability and funding restrictions we were able to present only Adam Creighton's excellent speech on "Fixing Australia". Adam touched upon the bloated financial sector and the distorted superannuation system. He also covered the energy sector which also included the nuclear power option. In today's environment it is difficult to ignore the economics of the energy sector. The bloated bureaucracy, tax reform and lack of political vision were also targets of his fixing Australia strategy.

For those who missed out on Adam's presentation his speech is available in text format which covers important aspects of the Australian economy especially his critique of the superannuation scheme. Forward your request for a copy of the text to [admin@cniwa.com.au](mailto:admin@cniwa.com.au).

In mid June it was a pleasure to support Dr Augusto Zimmermann's presentation of Religious Freedom at the Crossroads Conference. Held over two days on 14-15 June the conference raised important issues focused upon the legal implications of maintaining religious freedom. The CNI was privileged to assist Sheridan College and Dr. Augusto with the organisation of a conference which attracted some of the finest legal minds in Australia.

### Christmas Greetings:

The Executive extends best wishes for the Christmas festive season to all our supporters and their families and sincerely hope Christmas is a rewarding time for you and your loved ones.

Families have been the basic unit of society for civilisation after civilisation and we sincerely wish 2020 to be the year of wonderful success for your families.

We value feedback on any topic or subject worthy of pursuing in our endeavour to influence decision makers in their role of governing in the national interest especially with family friendly policies.

### Social Reality:

In an age of considerable upheaval to Australian values based upon truth and reason we are cursed by decisions based on feelings and compassion. Gender fluidity is but one example of the march of cultural marxism through our institutions. The sexual revolution of the 1960's with its roots extending back to the early nineteenth century created the social environment where your gender is determined by your feelings. We unfortunately appear to be losing the war against cultural marxism!

### Letter Writing:

The following is a broad example of the letter writing lobbying conducted by CNI over the past twelve months. Responding to inane standard form responses from political staffers would fill another page.

*Subject:* Religious Freedom addressed to the Prime Minister Scott Morrison and also to Prof Michael Quinlan, University of Notre Dame Sydney. Also to the Attorney General Christian Porter.

*Subject:* E-Cigarettes (Vaping) to Aaron Stonehouse MLC.

*Subject:* Red Tape, RET, Safe Schools Coalition, Euthanasia, Drug Policy to Liza Harvey MLA & Bill Marmion MLA.

*Subject:* Renewable Energy Targets (RET) addressed to the Prime Minister Scott Morrison, to all Senators and MHR's, to Woodside Petroleum Mr Peter Coleman, to Saltbush Group Mr Hugh Morgan.

*Subject:* School Curriculum Standards to the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) Mr David de Carvalho.

*Subject:* Greenhouse Gas Guideline Consultation Submission. Addressed to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). Copied to Woodside Petroleum to solicit comment.

*Subject:* Student Climate Activism to Minister for Education Sue Ellery MLA

*Subject:* Climate Change to Minister for the Environment Stephen Dawson MLC

## **OBITUARY: Vale David Milne, paragon of loyalty and perseverance**

by NW Contributor *News Weekly*, December 14, 2019

David John Milne, known to his friends and associates as Dave, died in Perth after a lengthy illness on November 13, 2019. (1932-2019)

A highly respected Perth businessman, he took over the family business, Milne Feeds, from his father in 1972, and ran the company for 15 years until it was acquired by interests associated with Graham Laitt, the current managing director.

Milne Feeds remains a leading producer of livestock feed and has been servicing livestock producers in Western Australia for over 100 years.

Dave is survived by his wife Margaret whom he married in 1955, son Peter and daughters Jan and Sue.

Kieran Ryan, who served as president of the National Civic Council in Western Australia, paid tribute to Dave's extraordinary contribution to the NCC and to Australia.

He said: "David Milne's involvement with the NCC began in 1960, when he visited Bob Santamaria in Melbourne and offered his support. Since then, he gave extensive financial support as well as standing as a DLP state election candidate when it was critical to deny the ALP government while they collaborated with the extreme left. He was president and member of the DLP state executive.

"David was loyal to a fault and once he had promised to undertake a role or task he would own it to the end.

"As chairman of the NCC Extension Committee, David took responsibility for raising financial support from the corporate sector and the well-heeled section of the community. His role was invaluable.

"As managing director of Milne Feeds, he spoke the same language as our corporate supporters and was able to keep the organisation afloat financially for the period of his involvement.

"However, it didn't always come easy to David, as he was highly strung and would frequently have to restrain his responses to business people who did not have the same sense of obligation that he had."

Dave Milne was a man of highest moral standards and always a man of his word. Kieran Ryan said: "He was fiercely loyal to B.A. Santamaria and, when Santamaria was attacked by former colleagues during the 1980s, he attended a vital meeting in Melbourne of the Movement to give his support.

"This is important because he did not want to be in that heated environment but felt he had no other option. If he had not attended, he would have felt that he had failed in his loyalty."

Dave Milne was a committed Catholic and was also active in various community organisations. He helped the NCC support the Council for the National Interest headed by Sir Charles Court. He also gave generous support to the establishment of the Australian Family Association headed by Dr Joe Santamaria.

After Bob Santamaria's death in 1998, Dave gave the same generous and unqualified support to Bob Santamaria's successor as NCC president, Peter Westmore, assisting the transition to a new generation of leaders of the Movement.

His generous support for the National Civic Council continued right up until his death. May he rest in peace.

David Milne was a regular and generous supporter of the Council for the National Interest WA from its establishment in the early 1980's with Sir Charles Court as Patron.

### **True Parliamentarians:**

Nick Goiran MLC has proved himself to be a true Parliamentarian as a representative of all Western Australian voters. The Upper House is the House of review and in regard to the euthanasia debate he was steadfast in carrying out his role to review the legislation passed by the Lower House. In spite of the overwhelming attacks on his stance he did not buckle to the feelgood, compassionate, bleeding hearts of interstate fly-in media personalities, biased local media and vote watching political apparatchik.

Nick attended every one of the End of Life Choices Parliamentary Inquiry Committee's meetings and hearings and provided a 248 page minority member report compared to the 287 page Final Report.

He rebutted the entire report prepared for our elected representatives using his own resources, unlike the Committee which was well staffed throughout with additional staff to compile and publish the Final Report to Parliament. The question is, how many politicians actually read the two reports?

Nick Goiran may lose out on the final Parliamentary vote however, Western Australian voters will have better legislation, but still totally flawed, due to his dogged, single minded approach to the business at hand. His battle on behalf of the electorate has been short changed by “urgency” demands by politicians and the media.

Voters rely on their elected representatives to cast their votes based upon truth and reason which are the basic tenets of our Parliamentary Democracy. In regard to the End of Life Choices, or the re-named Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill our Parliamentarians have passed a Bill with one basic **intent**.

The **intent** of the Bill is to legislate the killing of a human being by a state sanctioned executioner.

Supporters of VAD can raise a multitude of justifications for such a law but they cannot deny the **INTENT** of the Bill.

Promoters of VAD can argue the sentiments of language used and camouflage the desired outcome but the **intent** is clear to all participants.

Western Australia abolished the death penalty in 1984 with the Federal Government banning capital punishment in Australia in 2010. Andrew Mallard in 1995 was falsely convicted of murder by the state of Western Australia using the power of the state in the form of its Police Force, the State Prosecutor and the Judiciary. (John Button and Daryl Beamish also suffered false imprisonment)

If the State cannot be relied upon to get a life and death decision right with all its resources, checks and balances how is the population at large expected to achieve a better outcome and not abuse the opportunity?

In the words of John Barich: There are at least three basic reasons why we must not allow doctors to kill their patients. One, doctors are sworn to do no harm. The mission statement of palliative care, endorsed by the World Health Organisation, mandates that they “Do not hasten or retard death” i.e. death should be a natural process. Suicide is an existential problem and making it more acceptable is unlikely to discourage people from choosing this ending in despair.

Two, everybody desires a happy death but there is no poison which will produce this result.

This is why Dr Nitschke recommended the use of a plastic bag over ones head as the least painful death.

Three, ‘no man is an island’ and we live all our lives in a society and death should similarly be a journey we undertake with the support of others. Compassion means to “suffer with” and therefore we must accompany our family members and friends in their last journey and in due course expect the same treatment to be given to us.

### **CNI Submission – Environmental Protection Agency:**

The following is a short extract from the CNI submission to the EPA Greenhouse Gas Guideline Consultation dated 12 August 2019.

**Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** Greenhouse gases, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), water vapour, methane and nitrous oxide are less than 1 per cent of the atmosphere of the Earth. The remaining slightly more than 99 per cent comprises mainly oxygen and nitrogen.

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) greenhouse gases control the world’s climate and increasing levels of CO<sub>2</sub> cause an ever increasing rise in the Earth’s temperature. This conclusion is not supported by the scientific facts.

The IPCC predictions of the Earth’s temperature are based, entirely, on modeling and have been proven wrong, repeatedly. This is not surprising when regard is had for the statement by Kevin Trenberth, lead author of IPCC reports *“None of the models used by the IPCC are initialized to the observed state and none of the climate states in the models correspond, even remotely, to the current observed state”*.

The models, very largely, ignore water vapour which is a significantly more important greenhouse gas. The models also ignore the sun and its sun spot cycles, the warming or cooling effects of which far outweigh any possible effect of greenhouse gases. The IPCC models also ignore convection, evaporation and precipitation of water.

Convection and evaporation cool the Earth by day and reverse convection and deposition of water or frost help to reduce night time cooling yet the IPCC models ignore the difference between night and day.

IPCC models ignore the fact that all gases absorb heat and that includes oxygen and nitrogen which comprise around 99 per cent of the atmosphere of the Earth. These gases are not included in the global warming predictions, neither is water vapour.

Rather than focus on the significantly more important factors such as the effects of the sun, the IPCC has focused on CO2 and reduction of CO2 levels in the atmosphere as the basis of the Paris Agreement commitments. It is important, therefore, to look at the facts about CO2.

These facts show, irrefutably, that the World will benefit from increased levels of CO2 in the atmosphere and that CO2 does not warm the Earth. This raises the question "Why is the IPCC and, in turn, the UNFCCC pursuing reductions in CO2 emissions, around the World, as agreed at the December 2015 Paris meeting – the Paris Agreement?"

The answer to this question is that it is not about 'climate change' but about redistributing the World's wealth from rich countries to poorer countries. I quote **IPCC Official, Ottmar Edenhofer**, who in 2010 said *"...one has to free oneself from the illusion that international climate policy is environmental policy. Instead, climate change policy is about how we redistribute de facto, the World's wealth."*

This view is supported by Dr Tim Ball in his article *"Environmentalism: Evidence Suggests it Was Always and Only About Achieving World Government"*.

### **Role of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)**

The EPA Act 1986 stipulates that the objective of the EPA is to 'use its best endeavours –a) to protect the environment and –b) to prevent, control and abate pollution and environmental harm' With no disrespect to the EPA, its stipulated objective is the responsibility of Government not the role of an agency.

### **Conclusion**

Based on the above facts, the four dot points, about which the EPA is interested in receiving views and information to improve its greenhouse guidelines are not relevant. This is further endorsed by the statement, made by Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel to a Senate Committee hearing that "if Australia's emissions, being 1.3% of global emissions, were eliminated, it would make, virtually, no difference to the temperature of the Earth".

### **Recommendation**

CNI RECOMMENDS (i) that the Environmental Protection Authority be closed down in a properly fair and orderly way;

(ii) that the functions of the Environmental Protection Authority be taken over by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation under the direction of the Minister for Environment (currently, Hon Stephen N Dawson MLC)

(iii) that the Minister, consistent with the current 'green tape/red tape review' by the Productivity Commission, carry out a detailed review of the functions and stipulated objectives to ensure that these are relevant and the Department has the expertise and protocols to carry out the most professional and efficient, red tape/green tape free, assessment of all projects to achieve sensible and proper protection of the environment balanced against the national interest.

### **Drug Policy:**

WA Parliament has received the Select Committee's report presented by Hon Alison Xamon MLC (Chair). Titled "Final Report of the Select Committee into Alternate Approaches to Reducing Drug Use and its Effect on the Community." Dated 28 Nov 2019. Sub-headed, Help Not Handcuffs: Evidence-based Approaches to Reducing Harm from Illicit Drug Use. 196 Pages. Some heavy reading for those members who are keen to improve the current drug reduction strategy.

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