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### Introduction:

Behind the scenes of Covid-19 the CNI has been busy with letter writing to politicians and businesses about the numerous issues effecting the wealth and welfare of Australia's national interests. Our proposed seminars are on hold until some sense of responsibility returns to our government officials and the masses finally wake up to the truthful realisation of this viral outbreak. Interstate travellers do not want to get isolated from home nor do seminar organisers want to be responsible for hotel quarantine costs. Interestingly some of the problems currently facing the nation have roots addressed by the CNI back in the formation days of the 1980's, some of which we will raise in this newsletter.

### Democratic Deficit:

In the CNI Newsletter, September 2020, it was indicated that CNI would renew lobbying of the Federal Government to implement a policy strategy to overcome the 'democratic deficit' inherent in the current treaties policy where a Federal Minister, in an executive capacity, can enter into treaties, agreements, protocols etc with other nations, without requiring the prior approval of the Parliament.

Our lobbying was duly carried out and included State Premiers and Territory Chief Ministers as well as the Federal Minister. Despite the fact that States and Territories were adversely affected, financially and managerially, by the OPCAT treaty, referred to in the September Newsletter, our lobbying of the Premiers and Chief Ministers evinced little interest in the policy or any desire to unite and convince the Federal Government to protect the powers of States and Territories by correcting the 'democratic deficit'. Former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull signed up Australia to the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement which, *inter alia*, has a goal of net-zero emissions of CO2 by 2050.

It is now revealed that the Paris Agreement includes a "commitment that education be part of each country's nationally determined contributions that must be continually updated."

As a consequence, it is said, lessons in climate change and the environment need to be integrated into all school subjects. Each country would be free to determine a curriculum that would be assessed by an international group.

It is unacceptable that the United Nations should determine how climate change and environment issues are taught in Australian schools or any other country's schools.

It is becoming apparent that the Paris Agreement is just another step, by the United Nations, towards the goal of one world government. Australia is a sovereign nation comprised of six States and two Territories with an over-riding Constitution specifying the roles of Federal, State and Territory Governments.

Education, at the school level, is a State and Territory responsibility. It is ludicrous that a Prime Minister or Federal Minister can commit Australia's States and Territories to an Agreement such as the Paris Climate Agreement with such unpredictable long term ramifications.

Now is the time for Australia to withdraw from this Paris agreement and now is the time for Australia to rework the treaties process to eliminate the 'democratic deficit'.

### Vale Brian Leach 1938-2020:

Executive Committee member Brian was an enthusiastic member of the CNI with a wide knowledge and interest in issues affecting Australia and the world in general. Brian's steady thoughtful contribution to our meetings will be sadly missed. We extend our condolences to Cecile and family. Agriculture was his specialization – he studied Agricultural Science at UWA and went on to do a post-graduate degree in Tropical Agriculture at the University of Cambridge and the University of the West Indies in Trinidad. He was then appointed to Honiara in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, serving in Her Majesty's Colonial Service. During this time, while visiting Canberra on an assignment, he met Cecile again (he had known her at UWA), and they married in 1967, returning to the Solomon Islands where they lived for seven years. Rob, Christina and Rosemary were born in the Solomons and David arrived in Brisbane where Brian was lecturing post-graduate students at the University of Queensland. They then lived in Samoa for a time where he worked with the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization.

On return to Australia they settled in Perth where Brian worked for CSBP and Farmers until his retirement, and while at CSBP and Farmers Brian and Cecile purchased a share farm with two other partners at West Dale Beverley. They both pursued their interests with Australian Business Volunteers, undertaking assignments in Vanuatu, Cambodia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste. Brian was very interested in how the locals grew crops and raised animals in different countries and was able to advise them on different methods. In 2003 he was awarded a Fellowship of the Agriculture Institute of Australia. Brian loved nature, plants and animals and loved traveling, sometimes in very uncomfortable circumstances, and Cecile shared his interest. He was a devoted family man, well respected by those who knew him. We will all miss him greatly.

### **Election Fraud:**

President Trump suffered an election loss which according to those who suffer from the "Trump Derangement Syndrome" was all above board and any claims of cheating are false and unproven. Until the claim is tested in court the Trump supporters have to live with the unproven fact that their President was cheated in the election of 3rd November 2020. There is substantial evidence supporting the manipulation of the result from computer data identifying foreign government interference to video evidence of ballot tampering. Cyber security analysts have estimated some 60% of ballot manipulation was initiated from China. Refer to the video "**Absolute Truth**" by Mike Lindell for a comprehensive presentation of international data traffic.

Numerous affidavits supporting the fraud claims will be tested in court, however only if the individual states (especially the key states of Georgia, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania) pursue the matter of election fraud in their state, through the courts.

Otherwise the issue is buried ready for a repeat exercise in 2022 and 2024, unless in the meantime, state election officials overhaul their system to prevent a recurrence of the 2020 fraudulent process. The reaction by the Democrats to their loss in 2016 to the Trump campaign ensured that the fix was not going to be beaten in 2020. The fix was in, and the result is more than evident to any dispassionate observer that Trump's re-election was not going to happen.

Overall, commentators accept the fact that the U.S electoral voting systems have been corrupted for many years, but none so blatant as the 2020 Trump/Biden election.

Australians should not be so smug about our national electoral system as being a cut above the individual 50 state system of the United States. The CNI has been advocating voter identification for State and Federal elections since our establishment back in the 1980's.

Joint Senate Select Committee reports prepared after each election have regularly identified up to 20,000 fraudulent votes in each election. When an electorate can be won or lost by 100 or 1000 votes the need for a far more reliable system of voter polling identification is highly desirable. Neither major party has been keen to pursue the matter to a more honest and satisfactory outcome which possibly indicates they both cheat the system whenever the circumstances are warranted, or they rely on the short term memory of electors who can be bought off at the next election.

From an individual voter's perspective the cheating devalues an individual's vote for those Australians who take the matter of participating in the democratic process seriously.

With reference to an article in the CNI's National Observer No 84 of 2011 by Amy McGrath OAM, PhD titled "**The Demise of Australia's Secret Ballot**" also addresses some of the issues experienced in the recent American election. The Americans also highlighted the vulnerability of computerised voting systems. The paper ballot system might be slow and cumbersome but by its very nature provides a voting record, when properly secured, for any necessary recount.

To quote Dr Amy McGrath, "Australia no longer has a secret ballot system, according to the definition of the Australian Electoral Commission itself. The AEC defines the secret ballot as follows: Citizens vote in secret. A screen is provided to prevent others from seeing how they voted. The secret ballot allows people to vote without fear of intimidation from others and reduces the risk of bribery. Obviously the August 2010 federal election did not qualify, by that definition, as a secret ballot election, as a substantial proportion of the votes cast were not cast under those conditions. About 1.8 million people cast their vote before election day – nearly a quarter of a million more than at the 2007 election. The AEC also reported a jump in the number of postal votes. The proportion of both postal and pre-poll votes has risen with each successive election, postal votes having doubled since 1993,

and pre-poll votes having tripled.”

Amy McGrath's article is four A4 pages long covering a history of fraud voting which also includes a paragraph by Richard Mawrey QC, British Electoral Commissioner, Quadrant article, April 2010, titled **“Easy voting means fraudulent voting”** and his quote “The principal problem with postal voting – whether on demand or otherwise – is that no means can be devised to guard against serious and organised fraud. The British government tried – not very hard – to devise such a system, but the changes brought about in response to the election cases where I have exposed massive fraud have been minimal. In the Birmingham election case, I identified some fourteen types of fraud capable of being perpetrated with postal voting (though some were cumulative rather than free-standing) and in the Slough election case I dealt with the fifteenth type, that dear old fraud well known in all democratic systems, where I shamelessly purloined the Australian term 'roll-stuffing'. The changes introduced by our government in 2006 dealt with one of fourteen frauds but no more.

The other thirteen and roll-stuffing, like John Brown's soul, go marching on.”

Between 73 and 80 million Trump voters (depending upon whose figures you believe) are not a happy lot and, as a result, the mid term 2022 elections may turn out to be an interesting time of retribution. Voter identification is important to our democratic system of government as it is an attempt to maintain the integrity of everyone's vote attributed to our chosen representative. Until a Trump like event occurs in our Australian election cycle it is unlikely the major political parties will champion any voter ID reform. However the CNI will continue to lobby for voter ID as a step in protecting the value of a vote.

### **Drug Free Australia:**

Recent publicity by the West Australian Police confiscating huge hauls of drugs and millions of dollars in cash might lead for some to believe the war against drugs is actually making some progress. However as Tom Percy QC so eloquently described in his article, The West Australian of 16 February 2021, “Why huge meth busts mean we are losing the drug war” is an accurate statement of the drug affairs in WA. Success would be measured by a reduction in huge drug hauls including a reduction in court cases and imprisonments. That is not to infer the police should withdraw into a cocoon, The CNI has been actively involved with “Drug Free Australia” and “The Coalition Against Drugs WA” presenting a Forum on 14 Aug 2016 with Jo Baxter of Drug Free Aust, Peter Lyndon-James of Shalom House and Assoc Prof Dr Stuart Reece in an attempt to influence Government policy emphasising a drug free society and away from the failed harm minimising policies. The Labor Government officially launched on 26 June 2017, the Methamphetamine Action Plan Taskforce, which unfortunately continued the flawed policy of harm minimisation. Subsequent meeting with Task Force Chair Ron Alexander confirmed the policy was fixed even though he acknowledged advice was welcome. Once again an opportunity to tackle the problem from a different perspective was lost to arguments by entrenched Health Dept bureaucrats and vested interest academics.

The example of the Swedish approach to drug education was ignored and local rehabilitation experience through organisations such as Shalom House and Rod Bridge's Sideeffect were derided and ignored.

The Quit anti-smoking campaign launched in June, 1997, achieved a significant reduction in numbers of adult and younger smokers which effectively reduced demand without any attempt to ban the product. The war on illicit drugs will not be won until the **demand** side of the equation is addressed to which a drug free policy should be aimed.

A program similar to the Quit campaign is a start on the road to demand reduction together with a rehabilitation program using police, social welfare and charitable organisations such as Shalom House and other proven operators in the drug rehabilitation field. The Swedish drug campaign took the country from a leading drug affected nation in Europe to one of the least affected. In addition they have been closing prisons whereby here in WA we keep building bigger prisons just to accommodate an increasing prison population primarily involved in the drug trade.

Methamphetamine addiction is a society problem costing the taxpayer huge funding for police, social welfare, health services, prisons, court processes and rehabilitation let alone the breakdown of family structures with consequential failure for the next generation.

Until a whole of Government approach to reducing drug demand is initiated, nothing will change. Government bureaucrats will not challenge their political masters and politicians only react with re-election in mind.

## **State of Victoria Legislation:**

Western Australians should wake up to the draconian law passed in Victoria criminalising any attempt to offer counselling to people confused or uncertain about their gender identity. Although the WA Premier Mark McGowan has dismissed any plans for similar legislation leading up to the forthcoming state election his Labor Party is more than likely to pursue post election with a healthy majority, if you believe the polls, and follow the Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Bill 2020 which passed into law in Victoria. Penalties of up to \$200,000 fines and 10 years in prison for any form of counselling or prayer to help a person to change or suppress their sexuality or gender identity. The Victorian legislation is worse than the current Qld and ACT laws which are similar but less extreme. Australia is experiencing a loss of freedom and liberties on the instalment plan but only Christians as a group seem to be aware of this pernicious process. Our society is slowly being degraded as truth and reason is being expunged from our analytical process.

Human Rights Commission unelected bureaucrats are being empowered with funding and authority to investigate, assess and refer cases to police. Once these laws are passed our elected representatives are isolated from the unintended consequences of their poor legislation as they blindly sleep walk into the next progressive left wing social upheaval.

Examples of unfair application of social activist laws abound through all levels of our Australian society and even to Australians on the international stage. Bernard Gaynor in Qld has suffered the consequence of NSW anti-discrimination laws at the hands of the serial complainer Garry Burns. After 20 years of complaints the NSW ADB finally declared Garry Burns vexatious. Bernard was forced to sell his family home to cover expenses of a totally unfair process managed and manipulated by highly paid bureaucrats. How is Bernard going to recoup his expenses where the process is the punishment?

An Australian couple had their 15 yo daughter removed from their care because they failed to affirm the child's self-declared male identity and would not consent to irreversible male hormone treatment. Refer to The Weekend Australian, 28 Nov 2020, report on this outrageous interference in the parent's responsibility to raise their much loved child. The courts and Child Welfare Department bureaucrats ignore abortion but willingly interfere after parents have nurtured their child through 15 years in our morally corrupt society.

Unfair example of bureaucrats abound on our own doorstep here in Western Australia. The number of convictions for high level crime overturned on appeal, with multi million dollar compensation payouts, leave citizens wondering about the honesty and integrity of our Police and Judicial Departments.

Under Public Health Act 2016, Premier Mark McGowan imposed Covid-19 isolation restrictions, social distancing and lockdown, all blindly accepted by the West Australian public, enforced by a complicit Police Dept, based upon advice from unelected so called expert bureaucrats ignoring all other options. By application of emergency powers a tremendous amount of economic damage has occurred to our state. In addition there are multiple examples of personal hardship even resulting in loss of life.

One case of unfair and grossly unjust application is the case of dentist Natalia Nairn who was sentenced in July 2020 to 2 months in gaol with 5 months suspended for 8 months. Natalia is a highly qualified dentist conducting specialised treatment on patients who were eager to have their dentistry completed. Do the Joondalup Magistrate and Premier McGowan accept as grossly unfair justice the unintended consequent loss of her dentist registration so she is now potentially permanently unemployed?

Associations are notoriously famous for their reactions but more notoriously renowned for slow reversal for such an unfair and unjustified application of business disqualification.

The case of Mr Zhenya Tsvetnenko who has been in Hakea Prison since December 2018 pending extradition to the United States over alleged telecommunications scam is an unfair process of justice. After two years imprisonment at local taxpayers expense he may or may not end up being convicted in the United States. He should be out on bail at home with his wife and family during the process of extradition.

In Britain high profile Australian Wikileaks founder Julian Assange is still unjustly imprisoned even though an Australian Parliamentary Working Group established in October 2019 has been working at Ministerial level to have Julian returned to Australia where he can fight his extradition battles with the support of family and friends. Evidently "friends" in high places are frustrating Julian's release.

Based upon polls, even though they have developed a notorious reputation for inaccuracy, the state election on 13 March 2021 will most probably deliver both upper and lower house control to Labor. Western Australia needs an upper house of review and not a rubber stamp for Labor policies otherwise draconian, unfair and dictatorial laws as in Victoria will proliferate.

### **Covid-19, Hydroxychloroquine and Ivermectin**

These drugs have been used since the beginning of the Covid-19 scare campaign by doctors in emergency care and general practice in many countries. There are Youtube videos presenting doctor's statements of their success in treating infected patients or as a prophylactic to prevent or minimise the effects of illness. The drugs are relatively low cost and available with a history of 60 years of treatment without detrimental side effects. Open letters addressed to Health Dept officials, such as published by the American Spectator, 17 Aug 2020, promoting the use of a cocktail of drugs such as hydroxychloroquine, zinc and azithromycin which has proved successful without hospitalisation or intubation or ventilators are ignored or disparaged by government health officials.

High profile individuals such as American broadcaster Dennis Prager, founder of PragerU, quote from personal experience of the successful use of these drugs in his own family circumstances. The National Institutes of Health in the U.S report of 9 Nov 2020 quotes the drug does not benefit hospitalised adults but ignores the fact that physicians prescribe HCQ with zinc so selective criticism by the NIH is ignoring factual statements.

The U.S Centres for Disease Control headed by Dr. Anthony Fauci is equally short in claiming ivermectin risks outweighed benefits. Finally on 14 Jan 2021 the NIH withdrew opposition but did not endorse use of the these two drugs. Dr Pierre Kory gave an impassioned speech to the US Senate on 8 Dec 2020 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9kJUfZ3Elo&feature=youtu.be> ) supporting the use of ivermectin based upon investigative research around the world.

American lives have been lost to this bureaucratic restriction especially for the Black and Hispanic ethnic groups who, according to Dr Pierre Kory, are in a much higher risk category.

Why has Australia slavishly followed America and Europe instead of following the science and allowed the prescription of HCQ and ivermectin as a prophylactic potentially saving many lives. There is no need for highly suspect vaccines or lockdowns if a safe and readily available drug is suitable for treatment. Why are we allowing vaccines onto the market without proper placebo testing?

Placebo testing has been either reduced or bypassed under emergency conditions for a process that normally takes at least a year, possibly as long as three years.

Rush to market and the inference of **mandatory** vaccination is the reason for so much opposition to Covid-19 vaccination.

Who is manipulating the vaccine story as the only treatment in town? Politicians taking advice from "expert" bureaucrats or from the media? Who owns the 6 American mainstream media corporations and who controls the narrative when 80% of their advertising revenue is sourced from the pharmaceutical industry? Governments are destroying middle class wealth all in the name of saving lives. There is more to the story of Covid-19 than expressed in our daily newspapers and nightly TV news. In that regard the CNI will follow up with a written enquiry to Australia's Chief Medical Officer Paul Kelly.

### **Other Issues of Note:**

- (1) **Chinese Communist Party** influence in Western Australian politics and business. Our local Chinese community have expressed concern about the CCP interference here in Australia as many of them have fled from China and HongKong to distance themselves from CCP tentacles.
- (2) **Aboriginal Voice** in the Australian Constitution is developing without a proportional response from our parliamentarians. Aboriginal recognition in the Constitution is a highly divisive proposal.
- (3a) **Australia's Defence Issues**; Chinese naval and business interests on Daru Island, in the Torres Strait, 195km NE off Cape York Peninsula, a potential threat to our shipping lane security.
- (3b) Poor value in F35 aircraft and French submarine selection.
- (4) **Fuel security** with the closure of Kwinana oil refinery. Where is our 90 days of reserve fuel supply?
- (5) Proposal for **CO2 net zero emissions** by 2030 and the economic cost to the Australian community. Society does not understand nor comprehend the cost or magnitude of this green thought bubble.