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Welcome Members and Supporters:

The CNI Executive Committee sincerely hopes the coming year will be a happy and bountiful year especially for everyone to be able to rebound from the last three years of Covid fiasco. Unfortunately maintaining a positive outlook is more wishful thinking as we review some of the issues confronting the world at large. There is no shortage of national and international affairs demanding some wise decision making to guide our nation to a secure sovereign future.

This newsletter can only touch briefly on a few issues as extensive presentation and analysis of each would consume more than four pages.

Forum: The next CNI Forum presentation is scheduled for Sunday 19th March 2023 at RPYC with author Steven W. Mosher to discuss "Why China's Dream Is the New Threat to World Order" with Australia on the frontline. In advance we recommend reading Steven Mosher's book the "Bully of Asia".

This forum will be the third on the issue of China and it's political influence on Australia, and by extension its influence on our economy and regional political and military stability. Previous speakers on the topic of China have been Paul Monk, 12 Aug 2018, on China's Influence in Australian Politics and Tshung Chang, 23 May 2021, on Silent Invasion: China's Influence in Western Australia.

The text of Paul Monk's presentation is available upon request.

This presentation on China is most appropriate at this time with sabre rattling in our region awakening Australia from years of political and military neglect by our elitist Canberra political masters, a culmination of their myopic leadership over the past 40 years.

CNI Executive Director: As a consequence of the amended Corporations Act in 2021 requiring all 2.7 million Company Directors to obtain a personal digital ID, with overbearing penalties for non-compliance, Denis Whitely has relinquished his title as Executive Director as of 25 Nov 2022. Although not a Company Director there are inferences in the Corporations Act that could be interpreted to mean 'directors' of organisations other than public or private companies. Denis, who has been on the management committee since its inception in 1985, will continue as a committee member and the CNI will conduct management of the organisation under standard committee arrangements.

Two items of interest to arise from this amendment, one is the requirement for a mandatory digital ID, which is just a stepping stone towards a national digital identification and second is the persistent drive by Government bureaucrats to lock down, or lock up, all Australians into a mandatory digital ID with an Orwellian desire to achieve that aim.

Voter Integrity: There have been parliamentary reviews after each Federal election for which the CNI has consistently submitted commentary to the review committee describing the need for voter identification to overcome the generally 20,000 fraudulent votes identified at each election. Considering some electorate winners are determined by small numbers of less than a 100 votes there is a need for a more trustworthy system of voter identification.

The first and only acknowledgement for any of CNI's submissions on voter integrity was received for our most recent submission recorded on the 28th Sept 2021.

The Australian system of voting is subject to less fraud than the American electoral system of 50 independent state based Electoral Commissions. However there are lessons to be learnt from the 2016, 2020 and 2022 elections in the United States in the lead-up into Australia's next federal election in 2025.

There are many Australians who are so anti-Trump in their views on American politics they refuse to acknowledge any fraudulent activity in the 2020 Trump re-election process. Trump supporters have a wealth of evidence supporting their claim of theft over the 3rd November 2020 election results.

The legal team of Sidney Powell and Rudi Giuliani assembled an extensive array of illegal regulations and fraudulent activity across six important swing states. Unfortunately none of the claims made it past the judicial barrier for a day in court to test the evidence.

Businessman Mike Lindell's documentary 'Absolute Truth' tracked web traffic before and after the US election showing a massive cyber attack on election sites. Dominion Voting Systems, controlled by China were compromised which cyber experts described as an election coup for the Democrats.

Filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza's movie '2000 Mules: Election Fraud' presented video and geo tracking evidence of paid operatives, or "mules," trafficking ballots, generally in the middle of the night, to mail-in drop boxes. D'Souza limited the expose' to urban areas with video confirmation over 5 states, Georgia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Arizona, in effect limiting the number of mules to only 2000.

Australian mainstream media always deny President Trump the possibility that the 2020 election was a fraud even with the release by Elon Musk of the Twitter censorship and criminality by the CIA, FBI and the Washington DC bureaucrat institutions.

The lesson for Australia is to not rely on electronic voting without a paper trail. In this age of cyber terrorism and manipulation, the security, reliability and integrity of the electoral system is paramount in maintaining the voting public's trust in the election results.

Davos, Switzerland & WEF, WHO, IMF: One key player in the game of the Great Reset who is missing at the current World Economic Forum is Billionaire Bill Gates who is being warmly welcomed by Australian PM Anthony Albanese at Kirribilli House in Sydney.

Bill Gates generously warned the PM there was another pandemic on the way and no doubt Australia should buckle to the same playbook of the recent Covid disaster. Of course Bill Gates and his WEF henchmen are here to talk up the business opportunities of climate change and renewables.

Will our State and Federal leaders view another pandemic as an opportunity to lead the public into Border Restrictions, Isolation, Lockdowns, Masks and Mandatory Vaccinations as they did in 2020, again following the instructions of the WEF and the WHO, all in the name of saving lives?

The WEF and the United Nations World Health Organisation, in concert with corporate manipulators of Larry Fink of BlackRock, Vanguard Group, & State Street investments together with Michael Bloomberg, head of Bloomberg LP with a huge influence worldwide over investments via 325,000 terminals. Bloomberg's influence cannot be under estimated in the allocation of funds to corporations with the correct climate change credentials.

Australians are naïve if they view Australia as an independent sovereign nation outside the influence of stakeholder capitalism and the ESG movement. (Environment, Social, Governance) Larry Fink is the puppet master of corporations when it comes to investments under ESG philosophy.

Australia has been looted blind by giant mineral and oil corporations; It is time for sovereign control. Covid-19 showed how easy it was to manipulate the entire world into a course of action detrimental to the sovereignty of every free man and woman on earth. So successful has the WEF & WHO great reset promoters been that we have a divided society of vaccine believers and free thinking non mandatory vaxx opposition.

Australian Banking: While the public have been distracted by health issues there is another issue which also impinges on our health and well being, that being our finances and the damage to families and businesses by banks in their arrogance towards their customers and the nation as a whole. Bank branches and face to face banking is becoming a thing of the past with seemingly a dedicated move to a cashless society. Rural Australia is already counting the cost of bank closures and it is almost inevitable banks will close all urban and rural branches and retreat to faceless, cashless cyber banking. (10 branches closed in Dec 2022, including 4 in WA at Tom Price, Collie, Bridgetown & Wongan Hills) The recent Royal Commission into Australian banks was a dog and pony show with no penalties imposed on banks or individuals for regulatory failures. Terms and conditions of the Commission were established by the banks effectively limiting any course of action by the Commissioner.

There is a course of action the Government could undertake to eliminate the strangle hold of the big four banks over Australia's financial future. At least one party is taking the argument to the floor of Parliament and that is Pauline Hanson and Malcolm Roberts of One Nation Party. With support from the Australian Citizens Party they have proposed establishment of a government owned Australian Postal Bank utilising the facilities of Australia Post outlets throughout the nation.

Post Office Savings Banks operating in New Zealand, Britain and Japan prove the concept to be a very successful model that would ensure the continuing operation of a cash based financial system released from the constraints being imposed by the big four banks on our nation.

We need an independent banking system free from the constraints of the IMF, London and Wall Street Banks and especially the Reserve Banks of the US, England and Australia who have proved themselves incapable of managing cash supply and inflation.

Renewables and Emissions: The madness of zero CO2 emissions and the expensive manic pursuit of highly subsidised renewables is a worldwide phenomenon and this rebuttal by Californian, Republican Congressman Tom McClintoch is an example of the nature of the beast to be confronted. McClintoch's verbatim statement as follows:

"On the one hand, you want to mandate not only electric cars, but industrial scale back-up batteries for wind and solar farms, all in the name of saving the planet. Yet on the other hand, you want to radically restrict mining, also in the name of saving the planet. Well you can't do both. You've been moderately successful at mandating electric cars. The California Bureaucrat have just imposed such a mandate on Californians over the next decade. About 3% of vehicle sales are now electric. So congratulations, only 97% more to go. And we don't need to get into a discussion today about where you think the electricity for your electric cars is going to come from. About 80% of our electricity still comes from the very fossil fuels that you are waging war against, and you're creating devastating shortages by doing that. We'll save that for another day. But let's just look at the mining requirements in order to meet your electric car mandates, specifically a six fold increase demand over the next decade, we're going to need 384 additional graphite, lithium, nickel and cobalt mines by 2035, according to industry forecasts. Expensive recycling mandates will only reduce this number to 336 new mines that we're going to need. In fact, according to International Energy Agency, an electric car requires six times the mineral inputs of a comparable internal combustion vehicle, six times the mining to produce a comparable car. And of course, copper is a critical component in this technology, and copper is what you are trying to shut down in the matter before us today. If it is your contention that the mining required to produce electric cars is a threat to the environment, then you are also admitting that the electric cars that require it are a threat to the environment. Can't you see how foolish and self destructive and absurdly contradictory these policies have become? Can't you see yet the damage that you're doing not only to the environment, but to people's lives? As you make it harder to mine the components to meet your mandates, the expense of those materials rises dramatically. We're already seeing that at the gas pump and in our utility bills. And it's not just electricity. It's everything these minerals could be used for if they were more efficiently applied. When something is scarce, it becomes expensive. You're making all of the things that we depend upon for our quality of life more scarce and therefore more expensive. You're fixated on a one degree rise of global temperatures over the next century, but you couldn't care less that you're making it financially impossible for many people to heat their homes in sub freezing winters. Europe's now reverting to burning wood to survive this winter. This is not going to end well for humanity, and it's not going to end well for your party. As more and more people connect the dots between your policies and the conditions that they're now suffering, you need to stop this. The resolution before us will at least shed some light on the inexplicably, absurd decision that you're administration made to unilaterally thwart a bipartisan legislative act and to impede one of the most important copper mines in America. And frankly, you need this information more than we do. Because maybe it will dissuade you from continuing with the childish fantasies and the self destructive policies that you are going to be held accountable for both by voters and by history."

Cardinal George Pell: Australia and the Catholic Church lost a great churchman and defender of the faith with the passing of Cardinal George Pell on 10th January 2023 aged 81.

Included with this newsletter as an insert, is an article by Augusto Zimmermann who expresses very eloquently the respect and admiration of a leader lost to the Catholic Church in Australia.

Titled a Victim of Australia's Anti-Christian Bigotry by Augusto is an apt description of the treatment by the judiciary and the media during Cardinal Pell's court case over allegations of child sexual abuse. Subsequent to the Cardinal's passing articles critical of the Vatican and Pope Francis are being circulated and critically appraised as they highlight some of the principles of Catholic orthodoxy currently causing division within the Church. Even in his passing Cardinal Pell is continuing to defend the faith.

Harm Reduction versus Drug Intervention, Prevention & Treatment:

This article compares two provinces in Canada even though 6 months is a relatively short period it does show a marked difference in results. It is also in keeping with Sweden which has been used regularly as an example by the CNI, NCC & AFA in lobbying the state government to review it's drug harm minimisation policy. Sweden's change of policy to treatment resulted an improvement from the highest drug use country in Europe to one of the lowest with the added benefit of closing gaols. After 30-40 years of lobbying for a change in WA Government policy we still hope the politicians and policy bureaucrats will eventually see the light.

Article extract by Cory Morgan, 31 December 2022, The Epoch Times:

While we will finally be looking at the COVID-19 pandemic in the rear-view mirror in 2023, we still have the consequences of the pandemic and government responses to it to deal with. North America had already been struggling to deal with the growth in opioid addiction prior to 2021. The increase in addiction rates and overdoses exploded during the pandemic.

Every province in Canada has been battling the opioid epidemic. It's estimated over 32,600 people have died from opioid overdoses since 2016. Ontario, B.C., and Alberta stand out with 90% of all fatal overdoses happening in those three provinces.

B.C. and Alberta have taken different approaches to try to control the opioid epidemic. B.C. has elected to follow the example of other West Coast cities and focus on harm reduction and the provision of safe supplies of drugs. Alberta has kept its focus on intervention, prevention, and treatment of addiction. The numbers are now coming in, and the outcomes in each province are strikingly different.

B.C.'s government has worked toward a decriminalisation approach to illicit drugs. The hypothesis is that addicted people can maintain productive lives if only they could get a safe supply of their drugs and could consume them safely. The province has even looked the other way as activists with a group called the Drug Liberation Front have been handing out small doses of cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine to addicts on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

There is no such thing as a "safe supply" of methamphetamine or heroin, and the dramatic rise in overdoses in B.C. tells that tale. The number of fatal overdoses in B.C. continues to rise and set new national records, soaring from 20.4 for every 100,000 people in 2016 to 43.6 in 2021. Canada's national average is 20.5 deaths per 100,000. Enabling addicts has only led to an increase in addictions and overdoses.

People often point to Portugal and the success of its drug decriminalisation policies. What people overlook though is Portugal coupled its policies with a highly developed treatment system that encourages addicts to get clean, and offers support in doing so.

That brings us to Alberta, where former premier Jason Kenney took a treatment-based approach to addiction. In 2019 Kenney promised an expansion of treatment facilities, and by the end of 2021 8000 treatment spaces were available annually in the province. B.C. on the other hand has only funded 3,261 spaces for treatment despite a higher population and a more acute addiction problem.

The investment in treatment facilities appears to be paying off in Alberta, as overdose deaths fell by 47% in the first half of 2022. While six months is a short period of measurement, the drop in deaths is significant and in stark contrast to B.C.'s grim statistics.