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Since the last Newsletter, our efforts have largely been directed at political lobbying ahead of the July 2nd Federal Election. Key issues of the lobbying included:

1. THE FAMILY

Reintroduction of a Family Impact Statement (FIS) to accompany all legislative submissions to Cabinet. The FIS will detail any adverse consequences, for the family, flowing from the proposed legislation and the steps to be taken to ameliorate these;

Removal of discrimination against single income family where one parent stays at home to care for the children versus the two income family where the children are put into daycare at taxpayer's expense. In effect these single income families are paying tax to meet some of the child care costs of the two income family.

Safe Schools Coalition Australia (SSCA) – demanding that this alleged anti-bullying program for schools be defunded and discontinued. It is, deceitfully, nothing more than part of a broader Marxist strategy to change society... its about gender and sexual diversity... about same sex attractive... about the sexualisation of young school children without parental consent.

A formal complaint has been lodged questioning the efficacy of the taxpayer funded research, at La Trobe University, which led to the introduction of the SSCA.

2. FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Demanding the repeal of Section 18c of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 which has been used increasingly to silence everyday freedom of speech in many ways. An example of this type of legislation was on raw display in Tasmania with the Catholic Bishop of Hobart accused of offence by way of the very conciliatory "Don't Mess With Marriage" publication.

3. CLIMATE CHANGE

Continuation of our lobbying to "stop the war on coal"; to stop the programs for reducing the level of CO2 in the Earth's atmosphere on the scientifically proven grounds that CO2 is necessary for plant and animal (and ultimately human) life on Earth. Carbon Dioxide is not a pollutant and the arguments of climate warming have morphed into climate change.

Germany is trying to repair its base load problems by new coal fired power stations and reversing the decision to close nuclear power plants, all as a result of Green Party's political pursuit of renewables. German energy companies are now facing huge losses due to subsidised renewables undermining return on capital and the incentives to invest in new power generation.

Denmark has cancelled it's wind farm program that had originally aimed at majority power supply by renewables. Spain and Portugal are still suffering the financial consequences of following an expensive renewables program. The renewables industry did not prove to be a salvation.

Here in Australia a highly subsidised renewable program is causing angst among base power suppliers with escalating power costs to consumers, especially notable in South Australia. Recent published cost for SA users as high as \$310/MegawattHr down to \$200/MwHr compared to \$65-\$70 in Victoria and NSW. Renewable subsidy addiction is a world wide problem. Tasmania now has an energy problem after 30 years of green policy, presumably requiring a Federal Govt bailout to paste over this crisis.

IN MEMORIAM

The Executive Committee members are saddened by the news of the death of Dame Leonie Kramer DBE an inaugural National Councillor of the CNI.

Dame Leonie Kramer was one of Australia's literary greats, who blazed a trail for a generation of women in academia and other fields when she became Australia's first female Professor in 1968. Dame Leonie, who was 91, was not a "feminist" but was known for her conservative views as Professor of Australian Literature and served as a National Councillor of the CNI for more than a decade.

It is also sad to record the passing of Mrs Bobbie Craig, at age 93, a long serving member of the CNI Central Branch Policy Discussion Group and prior to that as a member of the Tangney Branch. Bobbie made a major contribution to the CNI for over twenty years and represented CNI at hearings of Senate Committees in Perth. Deepest sympathy is extended to Bobbie's family.

Drug Epidemic

The Family Council of WA representing 23 action groups requested the CNI host a forum on the drug problem affecting the nation. Our investigation has uncovered a litany of attempts consuming vast sums of funding with no effective result in reducing demand and its handmaiden, supply. Consequently CNI has arranged a forum on Sunday 14 August, at Royal Perth Yacht Club, Crawley to highlight the drug issue in an attempt to co-opt the general public into demanding answers from our elected representatives and the bureaucracies responsible for carrying out policy directives.

It was notable that the recent federal election emphasised economic management, taxation revenue and entitlement sweeteners, not to infer these aspects of government are not important, however social issues such as drugs are eating at the heart and soul of Australian society. Drugs are just one aspect of the range of issues undermining Australian culture impacted by greed, political ambition, globalisation, multiculturalism, ethnicism, corrupt United Nations interference, wealth transfer, third world expectations and mass population movement. The drug epidemic is a social disease on our doorstep and protecting Australians from it's corrupting influences has not been a priority.

Drug Forum

Encourage friends and acquaintances to attend the forum on Sunday, 14 August, 2.30pm at Royal Perth Yacht Club, Crawley and hear Assoc Professor Stuart Reece, CEO Ms Josephine Baxter of Drug Free Australia and Peter Lyndon-James of Shalom House Rehabilitation Centre provide an overview of the issues emanating from a failed drug strategy. The base analysis of the past 35 years of "drug war" action shows a failure by the undermining of anti drug programs by those who support drug legalisation strategy. Such a conflict funded internationally by a well known multi billionaire, with willing support from local elites, will continue to frustrate worthwhile initiatives to reduce demand for mind altering drugs, initiatives and strategies proven by the current anti alcohol and anti smoking campaigns.

Finance and Banking

It is notable that both Democrats and Republicans in the United States have adopted platform policy to re-instate the Glass-Steagall Act 1933 that had been effective in protecting the general public until 1999 from investment banking risks. The Great Financial Collapse of 2008 highlighted the need to protect the public from banks too big to fail. In Australia bank practices are undermining the needs of the real economy where the most publicised are the rural farmers. Multi generational farmers are being bankrupted by a lack of finance at their most vulnerable times of drought or flood.

At the same time public concern is being expressed over the buyout by foreign interests of important Australian owned agricultural farms and businesses.

Without debate or announcement Labor and Liberal parties have surreptitiously endorsed Sharia finance at a time of debate about banking practices. Arab banking practices and the influence of 57 member states comprising the Organisation of Islamic Co-Operation (OIC) is a contentious issue at a time of Muslim unrest throughout the western world. Bankers and financiers are historically notorious for their influence over governments, politicians and leaders at times of turmoil and dissension.