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April 2025 Newsletter

Welcome Members and Supporters

The CNI Executive Committee thank you for your continued support of our commitment to build a better Australia for future generations. Our founder B.A. (Bob) Santamaria (Bartholomew Augustine) stated in a 1997 video interview that you were fortunate to be born in Australia however the governments have made a complete mess of the country and in his words “we will lose it.”

Liberal and Labor with our political elite have continued with their de-industrialisation of Australia fulfilling Santamaria's prophesy that we will lose Australia. Santamaria passed away in 1998 believing in families, agriculture, and small cities and would no doubt be disappointed in the current state of the nation. It is a burden upon the Executive and CNI members to work towards salvaging our nation from the current descent into a disastrous copy of Britain and the European nations.

Net-Zero Policy Nightmare

Some 12 years or so ago, CNI studied the matter of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere of the Earth proving that CO₂ was necessary for plant, animal and human life on Earth.

Consequently, CNI has lobbied against the United Nations inspired plan to reduce emissions of CO₂ in the atmosphere to Net-Zero of 2005 levels, by year 2050. Since our last Newsletter we have written to 11 Senators and 17 Members of the House of Representatives urging them to do whatever they can to convince the Government to scrap the Net-Zero policy and discontinue taxpayer subsidies for renewables. We have also written to a number of Corporate leaders, who have expressed support for Net-Zero, informing them of the facts of CO₂.

The copy of the letter to Senator Michaelia Cash, is an illustration of the approach we have taken. The policy papers referred to, are recorded on the CNI website.

Senator Hon Michaelia Cash
PO Box 1966, West Perth WA 6005
4 April 2025

Dear Senator Cash;

Recent media reports state that, your leader, Hon Peter Dutton MP, still supports the UN inspired, Albanese Labor Government's policy of Net – Zero Emissions of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere of the Earth by, year 2050. This policy is the driving force in Labor's policy of 82% renewable energy by year 2030 in Australia.

The Labor Government's desire to become a renewable energy superpower is not sustainable. The International Energy Agency's latest data on solar and wind power generation costs and consumption across nearly 70 countries *“shows a clear correlation between more solar and wind and higher average household and industry energy prices.”*

If these policies continue to be pursued, energy costs will continue to rise, energy security and energy reliability will be disrupted leading to widespread industry and household energy failures and damage to the environment.

For your information, we enclose CNI policy papers “FACT SHEET – CARBON DIOXIDE (CO₂)” and “Australia's Energy Crisis”. From a study of these, you will see that CO₂ is not a pollutant and does NOT warm the Earth. Further, **CO₂ is necessary for plant, animal and ultimately, human life on Earth and is currently at near starvation levels. Clearly, the Net – Zero Emissions policy is scientifically flawed, economically unachievable and environmentally unacceptable.**

If you find it difficult to accept these facts, please note that no scientist or anyone else has ever been able to refute the facts. The attached opinions of three world renowned scientists, members of the Global Climate Intelligence Group, whose 1600 plus members issued a World Climate Declaration, published August 2023, insisting that **Carbon Dioxide (CO2) was beneficial to the Earth, contrary to the populist narrative, all support CNI claims.**

As you would be aware, the Net – Zero emissions of CO2 philosophy, was adopted at a United Nations conference and recorded in the 'Paris Agreement'. Of the 195 countries, who are party to the Paris Agreement, **95% failed to meet the deadline of 10/02/2025 to submit their climate pledges for year 2035.** One of the 5% of countries who did meet their obligation, the USA, has now begun the process of withdrawing from the Paris Agreement.

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Sooner or later, other countries will realise the futility of reducing CO2 in the atmosphere of the Earth and will withdraw from the Paris Agreement or simply ignore their obligations from it. It is in Australia's national interest to be ahead of the game and withdraw NOW and focus on using clean coal fired and LNG power stations to provide reliable, secure and cheap energy to start to rebuild Australia.

Australia's manufacturing industry, at 5% of GDP in 2024, is the smallest in the developed world. Many of these industries are foreign owned. Australia relies on vulnerable, overseas supply lines for fuel, gas, some pharmaceuticals etc and, also for significant food inputs such as phosphate fertilisers and glyphosate herbicide, critical for Australia's agricultural industries. There are many circumstances that could occur to close these supply lines and close Australia down in a few short weeks.

It is absolutely, critical that Australia rebuilds its strategic industries, protects its food security, builds defence capacity to a maximum, effective military deterrence and builds national resilience.

The billions of dollars saved from scrapping the Net – Zero emissions policy, phasing out the various climate bodies and programmes and from discontinuing, taxpayer funded subsidies for renewable energy generation and distribution, would provide a valuable starting point to rebuild Australia as a self-sufficient secure and resilient nation.

We hope, Senator, that these irrefutable facts, provided to you with this letter, will encourage you to talk about these facts among your colleagues so that you and they may convince Mr Dutton to change his mind and commit the Liberal Party to adopt and implement items 1 – 9 of page 2 of the policy paper "Australia's Energy Crisis" if, and when elected to govern solely or in a coalition.

We look forward to your favourable response.

Denis J Whitely
Secretary and Member of CNI Executive Committee

Next Forum:

Topic: Indian Ocean Security -Implications For Australia

Keynote Speaker: Lindsay Hughes

Date & Venue: Sunday 4th May 2025, 2.30pm – 4.30pm,
APIWA Clubroom, Rear Unit 10, Mallard Way, Cannington 6107
(Manning Rd intersection Albany Hwy)

RSVP for catering purposes to apimail@apiwa.com.au

Dr Lindsay Hughes has studied and worked in the area of national security issues since 2004.
He has Honours, Masters and Doctoral Degrees in National Security

Western Australians with a more parochial perspective may be concerned about the paucity of military and political security over our vital industrial North West resources. The presentation will cover economic and national security in general terms of the following:

General Overview of the Indian Ocean; India and Pakistan Nuclearisation of the Indian Ocean;

Iran and its Nuclear Program; Will Saudi Arabia go Nuclear? Is Israel in the Indian Ocean?

China and The United States in the Indian Ocean; Diego Garcia strategic importance;

The United States as Australia's security guarantor in the age of Trump 2.0;

Would Washington sacrifice Los Angeles to save Sydney?

The Decisions Canberra Needs to Make; Implications of the Federal Election, Saturday's Result.

The Whole Truth and The Problem With Truth Telling: (in 3 Volumes)

CNI has invested in a 3 Volume publication by Australian Research House of their submission to the Yoorrook Royal Commission conducted by the Victorian Government. This three set publication is available for \$60 and will be sold at the Forum on Sunday 4th May at APIWA Clubroom, Cannington.

CNI promotes the distribution of these Royal Commission submission documents to highlight the importance the Aboriginal Industry has attached to the Victorian Labor Government Treaty being legislated in early 2026. A major issue with the Treaty is the lack of Truth Telling in a document that will inevitably flow to every Australian state.

The majority of Australians successfully voted NO to two questions posed in the referendum of 14 October 2023, however there is no obligation upon the Federal Government to abide by the vote for a VOICE bureaucracy not to be established as outlined by the Aboriginal Industry objectives.

The referendum successfully challenged a change to the Constitution however there is no restriction on a majority federal government creating the VOICE bureaucracy with a multitude of committees and a taxpayer funded budget to match.

Senator Jacinta Price, Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians, has had no success with her 16th May 2024 demand for an audit of Aboriginal expenditure on Northern Territory programs.

The Federal Government's 2024 budget allocated \$774 million economic empowerment program for First Nations people.

Labor, Greens, Teals and some independents will most probably pass legislation creating the VOICE bureaucracy evidenced by their support for the defeated YES vote!

Beware the Government you elect on Saturday 3rd May 2025!

Bush Fire Control:

CNI is planning upon a forum later this year to highlight the importance of bush fire control in an effort to educate the general public about their need for active participation in fire security before urban areas are subject to the devastation of wild bushfires. We should not forget the 7th February 2011 Perth Hills bushfire destroyed 72 homes and damaged or destroyed extensive infrastructure. Today the urban area is exposed to the potential for similar or worse results from an out of control bushfire. Victorian bushfires from 2009 resulted in the destruction of whole towns and the potential for another catastrophe is only a matter of time away without a new attitude to bush fire protection.

CNI presented a forum ten years ago on 14th April 2015 at RPYC featuring Roger Underwood, former General Manager of the Dept of Conservation and land Management (CALM) in Western Australia.

Roger is widely respected in Australia and internationally as a bushfire mitigation advocate and his 2015 presentation video is available for viewing on the CNI website, www.cniwa.com.au

Unfortunately, in spite of all the voluntary effort by highly experienced and qualified fire fighters, the politicians, bureaucrats, institutions, Governments Departments, professionals, academics and environmentalists have frustrated all attempts to apply the lessons of the past.

CNI would like to introduce Mr Max Margetts and his promotion of a fire-retardant landscape adapted from the practical lessons of Australian Bushfire history. Max lived through the February 2011 fire in the Kelmscott Hills and has researched and applied his knowledge to the benefits of fire retardant landscape design to significantly lower the risk in bushfire prone communities.

For an extensive explanation and description of a designed fire-retardant landscape we recommend contacting Mr Max Margetts via his email max.margetts@outlook.com.au.

Western Australian Cannabis Legalisation Party:

For the entirety of 2024 the WA Cannabis Legalisation Party was given the opportunity to speak on at least 13 Western Australia Parliament full Sessions about the so-called benefits of Medicinal Cannabis and then outright Cannabis Legalisation.

Hansard shows that there were several interjections which were all against Cannabis but there was no organised opposition providing the following facts.

The Leader of the Cannabis Legalisation Party is not all that honest.

He is very, very clever and works prodigiously with the US medicinal cannabis industry.

At the last WA Upper House Session in November 2024 both major parties announced that neither would agree with Cannabis Legalisation.

Even so the sneaky WHO tragic incumbent Premier Roger Cook gave his Party preferences to Cannabis Legalisation and Animal Rescue.

Since George Soros through his Drug Policy Foundation Washington CEO funded Western Australia Labor Party in 1999, Western Australia has led the nation in pro-Cannabis and Methamphetamine legalisation.

Always claiming that police receive too much of the Commonwealth of Australia National Drug Strategy funding on drugs. A few brief excerpts from the T287PDF, a 157 page report by the National Drug Research Institute, Curtin University June 2020, Quantifying the Social Costs of Cannabis Use to Australia in 2015/16, which appears to be recognised as factual:

The economic costs from Cannabis arises mainly through the Criminal Justice System, including the impact on victims of cannabis attributed offences. Other health costs include Emergency Department, General Practitioners, outpatients, ambulance, specialised treatment, community mental health, aged residential and informal care. Other costs include child protection and child death reviews and prevention programs.

Social Cost to Australia in 2015/16 was \$4.5billion. Total costs savings (\$627,598) due to avoided health care costs internalities and intangible costs to cannabis users and their families are not included. A total of 2,041,000 Australians use cannabis.

Costs arising from the side-effects of medical cannabis are excluded from these estimates.

However as the relevant legislation was only amended in early 2016 (Australian Government and the TGA had given few special access Scheme B approvals before 2016 (TGA) 2019) all cases have been assumed to be due to illicit cannabis unless clearly documented otherwise.

The use of cannabis also has impacts on workplace absenteeism and injuries. In addition the costs to victims of Crime associated with Cannabis Use, Road Traffic accidents including work-related traffic accidents. Chapter 11 covers a range of miscellaneous costs such as the impact of cannabis use on child protection cases and drug prevention programs. Living with a person who is dependent on cannabis is likely to reduce the quality of life for co-residents, especially partners and children.

Western Australians showed their true aspirations in the Legislative Council Election, 8th March 2025, with the WA Cannabis Legalisation Party recording 42125 votes and the Australian Christians with 38706 votes (as of 2nd April) for the last two positions on the Council.

Where are all the Christian voters?