

SUMMER NEWSLETTER – January 2013

This is our first newsletter for sometime as our limited resources have been fully committed in lobbying against the Mineral Resources Rent Tax (MRRT) and the Carbon Tax, the entire Clean Energy Future legislation and other issues. As members and supporters would know, we have also been busy with a series of public information forums covering Islamization v Western Democracy, Carbon Dioxide (CO²) Tax, Protection of Marriage, Federal Election year policy strategies and many more.

It is our firm intention to reinstate the quarterly newsletters to keep our members and supporters better informed about CNI and its activities in trying to build a better Australia for future generations.

Importantly we need to tell you changes which have taken place recently.

After ten years of selfless and dedicated contribution, Mr Denis O’Sullivan has relinquished the Chairmanship of the WA Committee. Generously, he has agreed to continue as a committee member. Mr Graeme Wishart, who has been a committee member for some years and is active in business and community circles, has been appointed Chairman.

Other appointments to the WA Committee in recent months are:

Ms Kathleen Linger an experienced Strategic Planning and Communications Consultant. Mr Frank Lindsey currently State President of the National Civic Council with wide experience in political social, economic and industrial policies. Mr Joe Poprzeczny a Freelance Journalist and regular columnist and contributor to a number of media publications.

The WA Committee is privileged to have these dedicated people join the committee.

Another major endeavour, of the Committee, is the updating of the CNI website, which through lack of resources, has become dated. This should be completed shortly.

The Federal Constitution

Members and supporters will probably be aware of calls by past Victorian and Queensland Premiers, Brumby and Beattie, for the Constitution to be abandoned and the role of the State Governments to be scrapped leaving the Government of Australia to be centralized in Canberra.

It would be a sorry day for Western Australia, particularly and all Australians, generally, if this should ever occur.

Since Federation, centralist Federal Governments, aided and abetted by similarly minded High Court judges, have usurped many State powers. This has led to growth and duplication of the bureaucracies, the growth in ‘red tape’ and ‘green tape’ and a massive increase in the cost of government which on a per capita basis is among the highest in the world. Billions of dollars could be saved and the pursuit of excellence enhanced if many of these usurped powers were returned to the States.

Public Forums – 2013

Planning has commenced for the first public forum of 2013 which will focus on “Rebuilding the Federation or alternatives.” This is likely to be mid April.

Planning will commence on two other forums on topics pertinent to the Federal Election scheduled for 2013.

Central Policy Discussion Group

This group has continued to meet on a regular basis. In early 2013 it will focus on election winning policies to be commended to the Opposition, The CNI is strictly non-party political but holds the view that the Labor/Greens alliance, currently in power in Canberra, is possibly, the most dishonest and morally bankrupt government ever in Australia.

Two things are important here:

- (i) your suggestions for policy initiatives which can be part of CNI lobbying and
- (ii) your participation in the policy group discussion meetings. These are held 10.00am first Wednesday of the month

We would warmly welcome your interest – contact Denis Whitely 0430 147 049 or write the CNI office by mail, email, or fax.

The Islamic Threat in Australia?

The march of the Islamists seems to be accelerating in many parts of the world including western democracies. Do we in Australia need to be concerned?

Arguably, the following conclusions can be drawn from a study of “Slavery, Terrorism, Islam” by Dr Peter Hammond.

“Islam is not a religion nor is it a cult. In its fullest form, it is a complete total 100% system of life.

Islam has religious, legal, political, economic, social and military components.

Islamization begins when there are sufficient Muslims in a country to agitate for their religious privileges.

When politically correct tolerant and culturally diverse societies agree to Muslim demands for their religious privileges, some of the other components tend to creep in as well.

As long as the Muslim population remains around or under 2% in any given country, they will be for the most part regarded as a peace loving minority and not as a threat to other citizens.

Current trends in Europe and Africa suggest that once the Muslim population of a country exceeds 2% the fanatical element starts to wield undue influence and the peaceful Muslims (the silent majority) become extraneous.”

Where does that leave Australia? Australia’s Muslim population is now about 1.9% and tipped to grow to 2.8% by 2030. If 2% is the tipping point then Australia should be looking very carefully at what is happening. There are already instances of elements of Sharia Law being ceded in Family Law Courts and separate prayer rooms in hospitals, universities and some work sites. There are other examples too, but a very real concern should be a recent ‘sermon’ by the Australian spokesman for the radical Islamic group Hisb ut-Tahrir, Sheik Ismail al-Wahwah. He offered a particularly stark vision of life in Australia were the group to succeed in its objective of establishing an Islamic state or caliphate, governed by Islamic law.

Sheik al-Wahwah said an Islamic regime in Australia would ban alcohol, enforce a strict Islamic dress code, prohibit the teaching in school of all foreign languages except Arabic, ban money lenders from charging interest and force the courts to implement Sharia law. The dress code would apply to Muslims and non-Muslim alike. He inferred that violence may be necessary ‘to carry the light of Islam to the rest of the world.’

Hisb ut-Tahrir, established in 1953, has been banned in several countries because of its extremist positions but has never been proscribed in Australia. Surely, it should be!

Global Warming aka Climate Change

The times of London recently reported “There will be no further warming of the planet’s surface over the next five years, Britain’s Met Office has forecast. The downgrading of predictions for the effects of climate change means that by 2017 it is projected there will be no global increase in temperature for almost 20 years.” The Met Office quietly released its announcement on Christmas Eve.

Contrast this with the numerous claims that Australia’s recent extreme weather events – floods droughts, heat waves and bush fires are the result of global warming or as is becoming more commonly described “climate change” and will only become more severe and more frequent.

Perhaps these commentators should read Dorothea MacKellar’s poem “My County” written and first published more than 100 years ago. Her poem, which was fairly standard school reading so long ago talks of her “love (for) a Sunburnt Country”...and “a land of Sweeping Plains”...and of ... “Fire and Flood and Famine.”

Enclosed for your interest and distribution, as widely as you wish, is a copy of CNI “Fact Sheet – Climate Change”, which has been used widely to lobby politicians, business and industry groups. No climate scientist or other scientist, to whom this fact sheet has been sent, has questioned its content; this includes Australia’s Chief Scientist, Professor Ian Chubb AC.

Membership

CNI was established around 1985 and being a voluntary organization can only make a difference with the help of members and supporters and their subscriptions and donations. We are looking forward to the future with renewed vigour and will make every effort to keep members and supporters informed.

If you have not paid a subscription for the current year ending 31st March, 2013 or would like to make a donation or invite a friend or associate to become a member please do so using the enclosed form.