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# Council for the National Interest

## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COMMITTEE

### Summer Newsletter

#### ON THE AGENDA

“Live by our ways or leave” is the front page headline which greeted readers of The West Australian, February 24, 2006.

The West was reporting a speech by Federal Treasurer, Mr Peter Costello to the Sydney Institute in which he is reported to have lambasted the spread of “mushy multiculturalism” and bluntly called for hard-line Muslims and others who don’t observe Australian Values to be stripped of their citizenship”. “Immigration, refugees and citizenship” is just one of many topics of national interest on CNI agenda as year 2006 unfolds. Other topics include:

- \* the invasion of our North - the growth of illegal fishing operations has far wider implications than just the fishery stocks;
- \* the growing economic ascendancy and economic complementarity of India and China and the future implications for Australia and its empty “North”;
- \* the preservation and re-building of the Federation - can it be saved or will the States surrender total power to

the Commonwealth;

\* the inter-related issues of the burgeoning net foreign debt now \$473bn, correcting the structural imbalance in the Australian economy, foreign investment and taxation and investment of superannuation in the national interest.

There are many more issues and CNI has sought to highlight these and provoke debate at both the political level and in the public domain. Our “non-party political” status gives us credibility in doing so. We have achieved significant success at the political level over many years whereas informing the public through public forums with keynote speakers is very much more expensive due to venue hire and promotion.

CNI is very keen to raise the level and frequency of these public information and education forums in 2006 and beyond but requires the funds to do so.

#### FUNDING APPEAL

CNI has no links to any political or other special interest associations or organisations. Our funding comes from the members subscriptions and sundry donations and CNI is run on a shoe string with just one paid employee amongst many volunteers.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Membership costs less than \$1.00 per week and this Newsletter includes an application for membership and an annual subscription form. If you are an existing

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member please pay your subscription now and make whatever additional donation you can afford. Also, please try to interest your friends to become members of CNI. An extra copy of the newsletter is enclosed for you to pass on.

If you are not an existing member we invite you to complete and send to us an "Application for membership" together with your subscription. Alternatively a donation of whatever you can afford will be most welcome.

It goes without saying that the more generous the response to this 'plea' for funds the greater will be CNI's ability to continue to build a better Australia for future generations. The need to do so has never been greater.

NB. Please tell us your email address so that we can send Newsletters and invitations to you more quickly and cheaply.