

**PRISONERS OF LOVE? A MODESTLY MEASURED RESPONSE AND INQUIRY TO THE VICE CHANCELLOR, THE DIVISION OF ALUMNI AND DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED REGIONAL PRODUCERS ON BEHALF OF OLD WOMEN, SMALL BUSINESS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS (HABEN SIE GEHORT DAS DEUTSCHE BAND?)**

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I am currently a little old woman feeling fit except for needing more technology support. This is the story of my life. I hear Jane calling. What better model could there be for any girl or woman? Catch up with my life and teachings on [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au) (Also known as Lilith the Magic Pudding, Chief Alternative to Faith and Queen of the Monkeys, now working with B.A. Santamaria. God and the VC help us.)

**In the Encyclical Letter 'Laudato Si' On common ground - the Pope wishes to address every person living on this planet and I do too. (He is the Pope, you recall, who said 'Who am I to judge?') Have a go at it. I ask: Isn't Fair Trading increasingly the ideal goal throughout the world? What does this mean for restructuring the university in place, rather than to suit the professional, government, business or charity bureaucrat or representative? Open up and manage more broadly to connect more effectively in more sustainable futures which incorporate the market for public good. The alternative is to mill us to market operations increasingly blindly and denuded of the riches of the past. Take old books and tell us how best to pass them on to others throughout the world who see their value as many old and young people do. Ask Qantas for guidance? (As a simple woman I assume big airlines are naturally subject to most global open planning or planes would crash into each other and other things, especially on take-off or landing.)**

Thank you for the invitation to the Vice-Chancellor's (VC) Morning Tea which I enjoyed a lot. I was grateful to meet Sobhini Sinnatamby, Associate Director of Development, as our discussion about *'Inspire'* and related donation programs centred my mind on the question I would ask the VC later, after his challenging discussion of the future. I can only agree with many of his views, for example, on the importance of preserving the minority interest, whatever it is, in a high quality and diverse educational fashion. Economies of scale, on the other hand, may also make this more possible. Openness is vital to ensure curriculum quality to all, not just to the supposed scholars and supporting students. One therefore refers to the discussion attached entitled *'An old alumni and former staff member replies to the student newspaper Honi Soit on how to use the student services and amenities fee (SSAF) better'*. As the Honi Soit editor points out, it appears badly spent. One guesses there must be many examples in collegiate cultures which may encourage professional links and status on public purses, not necessarily to public benefit. Open more up to judgment. At St James Court, for example, we find we have the whole of strata management and by-laws on our plate. (Goes well with lawyers?) This goes all the way to the top you will find in checking out free UN publications in Washington. They avoid the research punch-line. You buy it. One contrasts this with the high level of customer satisfaction available immediately in the pirate DVD shop in Nomh Penh. What a great job creator. Better than being bombed back to the stone-age by big producers. It would be good to see related intellectual input to the new inquiry into intellectual property arrangements being run by the Productivity Commission. Who besides me has the interest? Have a go ya big mugs. Let us hear it, for example, from Chris Bowen and those who wrote *'Essentially Yours'*, the protection of human genetic information in Australia (2003). At least you knew they had

thought and knew a lot about the issues. Do you? My major worry is, as always, the lawyer's protected patch which drives everything quickly to medieval versions of the court, by commercial in confidence and related professional privileges. Secrets to you.

After being approached for donations, I said to Ms Sinnatamby and to the VC that I wasn't going to give more money to the increasing numbers of organizations with related communities, like Sydney University, who were always begging for funds. **I want to invest safely and openly in greener regional development.** Another side to women's work fronting the collection? On my retirement in 2007, the government wanted me to live off my superannuation funds until I die. I should not be calling on the public purse later for a pension, because I have lost my funds in the marketplace or given them away. In the 2008 global financial crisis, for example, Unisuper lost more of my money, which was retirement capital, than I'd lost in my life, starting work as a typist at the age of fifteen. After 2008 I rearranged my affairs to exit markets giving me investment advice I have no reason to trust while charging me more for providing more of it. The problems of global inequality and environmental destruction can only get worse through the driving market fluctuations. (Lawyers to you.) The VC said he was interested in superannuation policy too. This is addressed later in the historical and regional development light shed primarily by the selected letters (1938-1996) in the book, 'B.A. Santamaria Your most obedient servant', edited by Patrick Morgan (Miegunyah Press in Association with State Library of Victoria). It's a great selection. Are we on the same page?

In the donation seeking sector, **Intrepid Travel, Fair Trading** and **Bush Heritage** show key elements of production which are ideally supported by Sydney University against the notions of 'free' trade supported by state treasuries, which are at the heart of what dividing up spoils in land and business with lawyers is about. What they mean by 'free' is top lawyer driven sale in secret. Treasury operates with multiple internal and external lawyers and check-lists designed by Treasury to appear objective. This supposed objectivity is also equated with supposedly operating at arm's length from everything tainted. The effect of this is shutting off public knowledge and competition at huge expense, with the risk of corrupt and stupid decision making that secrecy always brings. That information should be free is an imperative for the greatest and widest possible learning. Commercial in confidence operation is the limited private sector nightmare served up to us in privileged financial operations and wars, limited or not. Which side are you on?

The clear and radical view Hilmer took in National Competition Policy, which was that competition may be for goals besides money, appears to have been ignored since its clear acceptance by all premiers and heads of states and territories in 1993. The political dogs may bark but it seems the old bureaucratic and related lawyers caravans always quickly move on as usual, rolling over their ignorant peasant masters. Open it up. See the related discussion of 'Copyfight'(2015)attached. It addresses views of copyright from people in creative fields. It argues Australian policy makers should not let the US market pitch and related occupational forces swamp Australia as the national and regional accounting experiences provide better forward direction in health care and investment. This is ideally now extended to land, housing and related matters of cultural communication. A key question is how one should embrace medical and disability diagnoses to develop better jobs regionally. (I fume over what they did to Kevin Rudd in deposing him when he had only just

embarked upon the Education Revolution. This is business which is far from finished, although Chris Bowen's view of Australia's twelve most notable treasurers at Glebooks was a good start.)

The Senate Economic References Committee report '**Out of reach? The Australian housing affordability challenge**' (2015) is a great report making the housing situation known. Its findings also confirm the views of local group 'Hands Off Glebe Inc.' which is that the housing policies of both Liberal and Labor governments are based on approaches in which government housing assets are valued at current market value and sold off if their value is sufficiently high. This is socially dysfunctional because of its effects in widening the gap between the comparatively rich and poor, which is also generational and traditionally based on land and home ownership. There is a considerable asset base of public (government owned) housing in the states and territories which is being transferred to community sector (non-profit?) management. However, the shortfall of affordable and suitable dwellings in the **private rental market** and **social housing** (government owned sector for low income renters) are both getting worse. The housing construction planning priority is ideally to meet the greatest social and rental disadvantage first, or social problems of many kinds will get worse and their solutions will become more opaque and expensive to suit lawyers and mates. This makes attention to social housing a logical priority for an organization like the Division of Alumni and Development and for the University of Sydney. However, this is ideally designed and delivered within regional planning contexts for social mix in housing construction and management in order to maximize opportunities for choice and flexibility for all producers, consumers and related communities at various ages and stages of life, whether they are housing renters, owners, managers or investors. 'Hands Off Glebe' argues for a rental-only housing design to be largely self-financing in the longer term. I speak primarily as an owner and investor who has satisfied my immediate family needs and who seeks to remain secure in future. How may I put funds to better social uses than those available in normal investment and donations?

Development of more effective management, maintenance and insurance schemes which can operate comparatively openly in stable private, public and community settings is also addressed in the local environs attached. One assumes superannuation, other retirement incomes and taxation policy are ideally related. What would abolition of negative gearing do to the common small housing investor? Not much compared with interest rates? The City of Sydney Housing Issues Paper (2015) states around one in seven Australian taxpayers now owns an investment property. That seems a great store of wealth, value and interest, especially for people with irregular work, not subject to old plodding career paths to which many of us have become habituated. This is addressed attached in regard to superannuation, the 2008 financial crash and housing. If I could help my family with housing by more intelligent use of accumulated superannuation funds than letting financial vultures piss it up against a wall in secret, then government and industry should similarly help many more people who are particularly vulnerable to being preyed on again in retirement. Negative gearing is ideally discussed in related development and estate planning contexts.

**Major response to the VC and others: Treat the environment with the Pope and others in any place, as distinct from in business and charity as usual: Take 'The Charity Ball' (2014) by Gary Johns for example.**

Since I got the boot from Sydney Uni. on turning 60 in 2007, one of many unexpected pleasures has been a re-acquaintance with the Church. (The One True One naturally). As an old woman I find I've known more Catholics lapsed in bed again than in any other place. Tell this to Abbott and Costello and Bob, etc. Invite me into the party next time to deliver a few home truths on line or in court. ABC News 24 has made, I find, a very promising start in this direction, along with ABC TV with the Drum, etc. Today one wonders where many students will get the practice which is vital to support and challenge theoretical learning. One either faces this question or continues in the theoretical and related policy footsteps of B.A. Santamaria, banging out kids increasingly incapable of being employed well. As Australian youth today may know from media, Santamaria was an early mentor to the Prime Minister, Tony Abbott and also many others in Australia, who followed in the Catholic life and traditions. Santamaria's letters from 1938-96, 'Your Obedient Servant', showed him as a Catholic layman, trained as a lawyer, in lifelong paid service to the Church. He appeared increasingly consciously guided and informed by the Christian Democratic political model of thought and action. He explains this in contrasting four models of social and political development: Capitalist; Marxist; Secular Humanist; and Christian Democratic (p. 427). He took the Christian Democrat perspective as the representative stance of Italian and other peasants. He did this increasingly against the Catholic Church adoption of principles championed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and through related state support such as anti-discrimination acts, discussed later. This first state support under the Whitlam government, included taxpayer funds for implementation of the Karmel Report, with government aid first being provided to church schools. Extra funding was also provided to government and church schools on the basis of their comparative community disadvantage. Charter Schools are next?

Urge the VC to consider the Encyclical Letter 'Laudato Si' of the Holy Father Francis 'On care for our common home', as a thinking person with an awareness of history, as well as the head of a feudal institution with its roots in the medieval English church, law and science. Let's all consider it together. In it the Pope refers to '*the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, as among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor*'. He speaks to all of humanity and not just to the faithful (p. 1). In the spirit of thinking globally and acting locally which befits the modern university as well as the rest of us, urge the VC to turn his gaze to land and housing reform first and in related strategic and servicing spirals, including design and manufacture, advanced or not, depending on apparent requirements of the regional and particular case in global contexts. It is great to find I can practice this in old age by being on the strata executive committee at St James Court. Productivity is addressed in relation to this regional approach later. At St James Court we are filled with joy to be dealing with the 'Standard Costs Disclosure Draft and Register By-law Plant Maintenance'. Plant and plant! Get it? Both on land? Whether the tree or bamboo is a weed and a menace or an invaluable treasure in an encroaching concrete jungle which is just one step up from sand, is for constant debate. I speak as a woman most familiar in the abstract with plant maintenance for about ten years in the NSW Dept. of Industrial Relations and Employment and WorkCover Authority, when involved with the plant regulation under state occupational health and safety acts. It is a joy to see it come back with trees and fences in old age on our selection. Let us deal with it openly together as we ought in Glebe with Tanya, Jamie and Clover, etc. etc. etc. When a black man said he'd call police on me I knew we'd turned a corner. A later man became angry after he volunteered he delivered free food as charity to the homeless. I asked him **who he worked for and where he delivered it** – under bridges, in schools, in houses??? – No idea.

The VC asked us to consider the University of Sydney publication 'Building a culture of educational excellence'. The most striking aspect of the publication is perhaps an Appendix giving results of the 2014 Experience Survey on which future direction is presumably based. A comparison of results at the Uni. of Sydney shows that students at this top university are less satisfied with their choice compared with students who have chosen other universities. (***A top university on many criteria is more at the bottom of the pack for student satisfaction? Jesus, what can this mean?***) This is addressed again later in the light of the educational twin University of Sydney publication 'Building a culture of research excellence.' Table 1 outlines the core qualities of researchers at the University of Sydney and Proposition 1 asks if we accept them. Second is the eye-popping: '***Asking important and difficult questions and being bold in challenging existing paradigms and dogma***'. Gee, somebody should tell the staff and students! Lots of luck with that one unless the environment for production is openly protected. I speak as a Marxist feminist and former member of the Communist Party of Australia, standing since the 1960s against everything that Santamaria stood for. Tell the censoring brigade we won last time and will fight openly again. Catholics I've met were mainly the sorts from the Newman Society, etc. They were the first people, with Quakers, etc. who got me an ASIO record at eighteen in Queensland. We should be openly working together as far as possible for best regional development results, in the light of global direction, including our Gods. Baby, we don't dump the old just because something new comes along. We haven't even touched upon the power of Broadway. This seems more the age of communication power than service? Tell us about it. (I will be going down to tell the Hands Off Glebe group about my personal technology and artistic requirements later, to see if they might satisfy some of them for me in future. Could I pay someone to do it?)

If I ever meet another person who tells me they will teach me to do something with i-phones or computers myself, I think I will scream. I don't want to learn to do it myself. The incredible joy of leaving Sydney University was relaxing at home with newspapers, reports and books to study, write and send as I wanted. This is ironic as one was once supposed to discover a life like that as a university teacher. I did and in retrospect can only thank those who booted me out for my own good. As a woman without institutional information technology support I want to purchase the labour of someone to fulfil my information technology and artistic needs, which are modest, for me. My time is already filled with things I like doing and I have no interest in fiddling with phones or screens under conditions where more genuine intellectual analysis becomes increasingly impossible. Keep me up with the new or third hand books of others passed on. The young man at the Co-op Bookshop at Notre Dame Uni. was very helpful in explaining how that business model works for students. How do Vinnies, or universities, or other places where there are a lot of old books, fit in with broader community needs ideally or in practice – e.g. through Gumtree or E-Bay? Glebooks provides a great service in books for me and so does Sapho, the second hand bookshop next door. Vinnies should be more open about its model for the sale or use of second hand goods (or rubbish) to better purpose, especially since the related advent of new technologies for goods distribution. The Fair Trade shopping guide, for example, appears to provide business models capable of being increasingly effectively integrated with other market and government operations to increasingly broad and fair benefit. Surely the Division of Alumni and Development should take a keen interest in these issues because the old ones among us will be dead soon. We might use the rest of life to better purpose than in the casinos of the market and its charity wings (or vice versa) which often appear liable to come back and bite us. (The less said about Mark Butler and his silly concept of the Boomers the better. Why is he hogging the limelight? Did he help Bill Shorten and his mates out? We will all be ruined. Dastyari looks good in housing.)

That many Sydney University students apparently experienced their organizational environment as less supportive than many students at other universities, could be for many reasons. Subject and assessment openness appear the best mechanisms by which one may judge the quality and responses in regard to many curriculum pigs in pokes which have already been bought for big bucks by people telling you how good and bad they may be for many reasons. As the VC pointed out, it is also easier to call for cutting the cheating or failing student's toes off in theory, than it is when personally confronted with the particular student, as a reasonably caring individual or institution. I was a teacher of sociology in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Sydney University, long after a PhD in sociology at Macquarie University; - having spent a little time earlier as a high school French teacher, after a B.A. Dip Education at Queensland Uni. At Sydney Uni. I comforted myself with the knowledge that in teaching sociology I was not preparing people to be surgeons or engineers, hopefully practicing safely on the public. In my subject almost anything taken in may be a passing improvement, especially among increasing numbers of students who are not native English speakers, compared with the comparatively few of the past. In my case as an arts student in the 1960s, for example, it would have been hard for me to emerge to work in policy areas of French public services. Nevertheless, three years of French language and culture at Queensland Uni. very happily broadened my mind and improved my skills for living in former French colonies. I was naturally better at teaching English and History than French. (Ooh la la, as George Rubin would surely say at Westmead. He was in my Sony Tropfest film and I once promised him a life on Broadway together. George pick it up and go get them.)

As Morgan points out, after Vatican II the Catholic Church '*embraced modernity*' but Santamaria used modern arguments to bolster a pre-modern church position. This was one in which US market forces increasingly disappointed him in their acceptance of social degradation. This loose US counter-movement, to which I belonged all my life, increasingly drove against Santamaria's earliest hopes of the US conquering Communism, presumably to embrace more rural bliss with more kids. (Hold the kids.) In Australia, the church '*embrace of modernity*' (p. 561) appears defined in increasingly open service relationships required of its institutions in order for them to get state funding. Directions recommended in the treatment of housing, the arts and superannuation investment are discussed attached. This is in keeping with key concerns apparently also expressed by Christian democrats. These centre on the security of the family as the ultimate repository of social services through land and property. This '*retains strong memories of the early Church's condemnation of usury (which even Keynes justified)*' (p. 427), according to Santamaria's letters. Another good modern letter is entitled '*Super is about the home mortgage*' by Mark Engelbrecht of Floreat, W.A., who writes in the Australian Financial Review (AFR 24.8.15, p. 35). He asks '*Why is it that the current super rules, designed to ensure responsible investing, allow me to punt on speculative mining stocks, but prohibit me from investing in my family home?*' He points out there is no better risk-free after-tax return than making capital payments off one's mortgage and it is also indisputable that comfortable retirement is very difficult if one does not own one's home mortgage free. He states that not allowing super to pay down the mortgage is denying people the best use of their money and favours the funds management industry and banks. Too true. We should tackle this in the interests of more secure and stable futures for all in ways which protect the past legacy and prepare us better for the future. Regional planning ideally includes the open institution. Work on Vinnies and find out their policies and practices for movement of second hand and related goods. Their operations appear as total mysteries to outsiders. I guess that old lay interests have controlled

many church and related operations on land and communities for a very long time without much close or effective questioning on ideal practice in the future. Church women and men should lead a stand on this institutional opening up to broaden, diversify and improve services to children, people with disabilities and other service recipients or contributors if possible.

**The first practice is local: Open it up to related global advice as distinct from driving the business nuts with legal and technical expenses first (This advice is given in spades to Mark Butler on climate and the VC)**

A strength of following the Pope's open Laudato Si direction is the potential for its integration with key Islamic Sharia Law principles related to the concept of exploitation of people through profit, (interest?) as distinct from in competition. Plain English is vital. At the VCs Morning Tea, we should also have been told the plain English version when we were singing Gaudeamus Igitur. It is irritating to assume we know Latin, in spite of the fact we sing it with gusto. Keep up with the Popes. Think what the French were singing for ages. Today we could be charged for incitement or vilification for innocently singing the normal stuff in most of these anthems. I speak as a woman banned from the Sydney University Sports and Fitness (SUSF) for being rude to staff. Who can I call upon to have this properly questioned for a variety of reasons?

Universities should be beyond theoretical and practical reproach in their attitude to the resolution of many kinds of disputes against the institution - global, regional and local. Santamaria, Asian Communists and I may sniff together very loudly at the concept of 'rights', as being insufferably bourgeois. This is partly as there is no clear reciprocal concept of duty of care, and the wealthy may hog the funds largely delivered on spurious grounds in state employment and court. Such funds could otherwise be spread more broadly to better effect with more open planning to meet the needs of the vulnerable masses first. At Sydney Uni. I bet rights are supposedly operating for academic staff and students in a 'community of scholars' to which other workers have been added and encouraged to conceive of themselves in like collegiate associations. This is not a sufficiently realistic approach because the emphasis may encourage poor service to outsiders and thus also to students. One has seen in the past the University of Sydney could learn from SBS in these matters. Open many discussions up and do not let the censorious drag us backwards to silence those more honest in court. Golly they're stupid? Once one gets to grips with law and lawyers one cannot believe men have peddled this secret feudal crap around tables for so long without anyone stopping them. Today one finds one writes with much in common with Santamaria, at the other end of the spectrum, and also from the more thoroughly modern position with Milly, Molly and Mandy. To be honest I only ever really loved Shirley and John but Baby, that was years ago. I left it all behind and we don't discuss it.

I passed on the Pope's 'On common ground' suggestions to a meeting in Glebe where federal Labor MPs Tanya Plibersek and Mark Butler raised the question: '**Where Next with the Environment and Climate Change**'. Tanya is our local representative. When listening to Mark Butler I was struck by how much better Lord Mayor Clover Moore and the City of Sydney would have done the event by focusing on listening to the ground rather than on talking at it and cutting off questions. The Lord Mayor is terrific at running huge meetings to get the best outlook. It is all too easy to inhabit the

theoretical and related market worlds of academic or professional and bureaucratic scales and measurement 'ad nauseam' and comparatively blindly. (I fear I must always plead guilty). Real work is local and driven by many other imperatives. Clover Moore and her team have done a great job by educating all of us to be more open so that all may be serviced better. Clover has thus been a great symbol of the International Declaration of Human Rights and greener more open environment as far back as I can remember. (Had I been standing beside her or Tanya I would have eventually flipped and shot the lot of them and had to be carted off to jail by Glebe police.)

As I said, I am a self-funded retiree living under strata title in Glebe who withdrew from teaching after eleven years spent in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Sydney University. Prior to that I was a NSW public servant. I retain a considerable interest in policy since given the golden boot in 2007. The global financial crisis of 2008 greatly sharpened this interest. Today I work for free and only do what I like. One seeks to help develop regional approaches to funds for land and housing management and maintenance or improvement. Ideally these are now addressed more openly and cooperatively together in regional and strategic plans, services and products. Regional communications and housing are discussed in order to question the current notions of value driven purely by the market from broader regional and family perspectives on land and building and in calculating their ideal uses for current and future generations. Any organization of scholars or related professional fiefdoms has to come to terms with its state relationships. Let them be openly good. (Gary Johns 'The Charity Ball: How to dance to the donors' tune', (2014) Connor Court publishing, Ballarat, Victoria, appears a good place to start, but I haven't yet finished the book.) Open it up.

The Senate Economic References Committee report 'Out of reach? The Australian housing affordability challenge' (2015), a highly effective description of the housing problem from broad perspectives is discussed attached. Recs. 18 and 24, have greatest relevance for broader local understanding and regional direction. It is said all politics is local but one could wrongly prioritize the report recommendations. The key summary is in **Chapter 23, Investment in affordable housing**. It states 'the increasingly tight and expensive private rental sector is locking low to moderate income earners out of affordable and appropriate housing. This situation indicates market failure and suggests market solutions to low cost housing will simply not emerge naturally. There is a clear need to find ways to attract private investment into low cost and social housing' (p.395). This regional development and risk management direction was pioneered in education, child care and health services, including insurance, to harness benefits of planning and competition to maintain and improve quality of life. Red tape stands in the way. Go open and local first, considering the ideal regional direction of policy, not the legal letter. This is vital or interests will be stripped by lawyers.

The Senate report recommendations, although informative and clear, put one in danger of focusing on the legal wood while ignoring the loss of the trees. The national housing and related action agendas for continuing wellbeing may be addressed more effectively in open place based projects and directions, as first occurred in workplace bargaining for superannuation under the Hawke and Keating Accord era, before national legislation was introduced. This is another contribution to that discussion. Go local with openly shared priority projects through **Inspire** and related investments or not. Consider open dispute resolution as close as possible to the surrounding interests in the



context of broader international principles such as those of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**. These are new and too advanced for lawyers on top. Money, which was once thought too rude to mention openly, has now become the common expectation, forbidding challenges to its dictation of events for those of us who must be in the market, according to them, for productivity to take place. Bullshit. Tell this view to peasants who were stuck with Santamaria. Approach the Pope and George Pell in the Vatican to develop our regional programs further in the open. One is ideally guided openly by the public land and individual interest. From this global tradition Tanya Plibersek represents the Labor tradition more than any other, modelled on Merkel, perhaps. Why vote in secret when one can judge far better by going open. This management process is increasingly exemplified in minutes and email discussion trails of members of the strata executive committee at St James Court.

In traditional circumstances, however, the concept of excellence appears increasingly defined and driven by the dominant categories and polling forms, instead of by more honest and open planning which can also value broader ranges of action, opinion and emotion better, while providing more paid work. **I view the publication 'Building a culture of educational excellence' primarily in the related light. It lacks depth.** My experiences of teacher training at Queensland, Sydney and Macquarie University were a polar opposite far more inviting to girls like me, I strongly assure you. Our training was about the apparent role of teaching and learning in achieving social goals from a very broad variety of cultural perspectives. ***Asking important and difficult questions and being bold in challenging existing paradigms and dogma'*** was par for the course. Some staff took part. Look where it got us today. Hardly a day goes by in Glebe when I don't compare myself to Virginia Woolfe and come out better by three storeys, finding the irrational depression. Locals successfully fought a Los Angeles style freeway coming straight through Ultimo and Glebe in 1976 and a lot of people have made a lot of money out of much nicer land and property as a result. Don't lose it.

Today there is a danger that universities led by Sydney will follow market trends which are increasingly oppressing the young with debt and higher expectations of more stable, highly paid and otherwise rewarding work. Such aspirations appear to be increasingly unrealistic for the masses unless the traditional professional ideologies that institutions like the VC champions can be challenged better, than he has done so far. One also must realize the limitations of the concepts 'growth' and '**productivity**', commonly used in Business Council of Australia (BCA) and other economic and political discourse, discussed later. These terms implicitly assume all wellbeing comes only from the market. This is a brutal and wrong view. Wellbeing comes from the balance of land and people, in all their actions and interactions, as they become stronger in exercise and knowledge. As Catherine Livingstone, BCA president pointed out in a speech to the National Press Club in April 2015, the concepts of '*productivity, participation and population*' must come to terms with the fact that *health, education and retirement incomes policy* require a different mind- set. Start with regional and local approaches to development. Glebe is as good or better a place to do it as anywhere else. Lawyers deal poorly with the world compared with media. The powers of the media mean it is vital to get policy settings straight in historical terms in Australia. BA Santamaria provides an exemplar of the past, which is always with us, whether we like it or not. In Australia or America we appear more easily encouraged to forget the past as an embarrassment to future growth. (New wives can be like that I guess.)

Santamaria wrote to Fr. George Pell, now in the Vatican, to agree with the latter's statement in 'Light' that *'The main challenge and the great task come from those anti-Christian forces, who, especially in the media and in legislation, are destroying the Christian bases of our way of life. We must recognize this and fight it'* (p. 399). Work together openly instead. The VC should not ignore the potential of his medieval roots and our history to adopt the pretences of US market forces as usual. Santamaria would have hated this and I do too. The market and charitable routes both driving separately for a public university is neither honest, nor productive enough, let alone Godly. Following the US market route as usual is dangerous and the VC should help stop it, just as the Glebe and related communities successfully fought the destruction of inner city living by the Los Angeles freeways models in 1976. Many people have made a lot of money out of protecting beautiful and historic Sydney as a result. Don't let markets take over via the old fashioned treasury and related legal, bureaucratic and professional or collegiate interests. Turn to media and related open investigation and work instead. I would happily discuss any proposals, in funding or in kind made in the light of my personal security aims and interests discussed attached and at [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au). As an old woman I need safe personal investments because the evidence since 2008 has pointed clearly to the fact that I cannot trust the markets, to which this so-called public university appears to be increasingly and foolishly turning, along with its stifling twin, the search for larger pools of donations. I speak as a local investor, housing lender and property owner but the local group, 'Hands Off Glebe', argue in favour of a rental-only housing model that would ideally be self-financing in the longer term. **Can it be so?**

Today it appears in parts of the retail market that the consumer is so very rich with choices, and the environment is apparently so overstocked with multiple cheap producers, that few services can be maintained in the regulated market for long. This seems poor innovation. Family business may be a related slavery I guess. Following her exposure of exploitation of workers and students from overseas on ABC TV program Four Corners, Adele Ferguson wrote '7-Eleven head office involved in wage fraud cover-up', in the Australian Financial Review (31.8.15). It too addressed the chronic underpayment of wages by convenience store franchisees, for the hours worked, often by overseas Asian students, in 7-Eleven stores. Illegal subcontracting to increase profit was once rampant in clothing manufacture, using migrant women's labour, supported by federal government subsidies to the tops of the contracting chains. Today the 7-Eleven franchisee apparently buys the retail business for between \$300,000 and \$1.7 million. Under the franchise agreement, head office takes 57% of gross profit and the franchisee takes the rest. Head office pays the rent (some of the properties are owned by 7-Eleven), supplies all the equipment and fittings, utilities and back office services including payroll. From walking Glebe Point Road for years since the rise of cheap Chinese manufacturing, I would be surprised if many local shops today were viable regulated employers, once they had paid rent, which I guess is huge. The Glebe Post Office, for example, closed a few years ago, although it often had long queues inside. It was replaced by an empty school of fashion and clothing shop. What is going on? How are students involved now and ideally in future? These are some questions Sydney University surely must ask, rather than ignore, in deliberations about teaching and research practice.

As I pointed out in response to the Business Council of Australia (BCA) **Action Plan for Enduring Prosperity (2013)**, one starts from the common rural position of the free services and insurances provided in the family, looking back to a rural village full of us old people and kids, wondering when we will die – or not, like Chomsky's grandma. Would the BCA today, one wonders, address us as

**ecosystem services**, the *'the non-market benefits we derive from nature'* as economists appear very keen to do for any fish and their environments not yet tapped by markets? Jesus I hope not. We much prefer the UN Convention on Biological Diversity regional direction. It describes the **'ecosystem'** approach as 'a strategy for the integrated management of **land, water and living resources** that promotes conservation and sustainable use in an equitable way'. This supports regional planning rather than driving top business as usual. This is discussed in Wollongong on [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au) Practice ideally links us with protection of the past in commonly grounded interests, as well as in their transformation to meet the new day where children must make their way, with or without help or hindrance from their father. (*Don't knock him off? Why not? The sperm is the father to the man? Get out of here. This is the Freudian in me speaking. Give it a go around the world as I'm sure we'd all learn a huge amount. He certainly kept US movie scenery working.*)

Santamaria spoke for the peasant of the past increasingly self-consciously. There are many remaining who reproduce at the whim of God or man, on the public purse, or not. I represent modern people, as I have come from East London stock who felt a third world war was likely and who left England to go far away, to Australia in 1953. I think I speak for the future on behalf of women and children, whether we accept or know each other or not – like Santamaria. One works to a synthesis of the thesis and anti-thesis of historical forces like everybody else. Santamaria, for example, looked towards Singapore and the Compulsory Provident Fund put together under Lee Kuan Yew. He states these funds should all go to the purposes which savings banks used to finance in earlier decades – housing, small and medium businesses and farming. He states a clear approach to the co-ordinated issues of savings, investment, interest rates and employment is needed not only for social and economic reasons but to win wider political support (p. 694). Santamaria was very far from the Club of Rome and any related greenies. (He was a dangerous loony.) Today, however, it is vital to treat the Pope's Encyclical "On Care of Our Common Home" openly together. It seems irritating at best and contemptible at worst, that universities considering themselves in leadership positions should refuse to openly address key environmental and historical forces acting on their future.

As a warmonger against Communism, Santamaria first embraced the US alliance as a supporter of ramping up US government intervention and bombing of Asian peasants during the US war on Vietnam. In later life he switched to seeing the US alliance as a key source of moral degradation. B.A. Santamaria's views reflected those of many Australians when I started university in Queensland in 1966. He hated Communism and strongly disapproved of married women in paid work; sex outside life-long monogamous matrimony; effective contraception; abortion; divorcees; homosexual expression; and those who assist or service such operations apparently deemed undesirable by God and Santamaria. Today the things that Santamaria hated represent giant markets in which women and their doctors with scientists, engineers, etc. have voted with their feet, often after going through secondary school and tertiary education together. The peasant and related urban problem is that too many kids may also spoil and impoverish the plot and all need cleaner environments. The Pope wants us to fix it. To do this one usually needs to engage better with the apparent reality of the other, in order to establish more common and diverse grounds. The US market can only have respect for truth if it makes money, often in the short term. However, a cursory statistical glance shows that guns don't keep Americans safe but like the manufacture of bombs, are supposed to be productive even if they are never used. The statistical evidence from OECD comparisons is that

Americans with guns simply kill themselves or those without guns in hugely greater numbers than occurs anywhere else in the world where people have a supposedly similar standard of living. Guns are clearly a key tool of US oppression but they go on pretending guns are good and well justified by voting, which is largely bought by wealthy influence. This is crap, like the views of financial 'experts' pushing others money around. The global financial crisis showed they haven't a reliable clue and IT further increases this tendency.

If one wants to go towards truth and justice it should be in the open, so as many people as possible can access the debate and evidence as broadly as possible. As a Marxist feminist in Glebe, with Catholic Church properties as my neighbours, I'd find it hard to choose Bill Shorten as PM ahead of Malcolm Turnbull, because the latter has been a journalist as well as a lawyer and probably understands more about business law and communications than most people in the Labor Party put together. Tanya Plibersek, however, could easily beat them both as the graceful picture of lovely modern womanhood. The boys always love that and she doesn't even have to be a lawyer. She is the natural inheritor of the Whitlam government and UN Declaration of Human Rights mantle in a way Bill Shorten could only dream. A Labor victory is lost with Bill Shorten as leader of the Labor Party, as too many see him as a smarmy lying turd and we are also sick to death of lawyers. From his performance recently I am sure Anthony Albanese wouldn't mind my saying he is comparatively over the top and outdated as a representative Labor stereotype. His wife also refused higher office so as to care for an only child. Is she passive aggressive or what? I liked Kerry and Kristina.

The Greens, the City of Sydney, Labor and others who are elected representatives or not, should work openly on common ground, learning together by being frank. Everything comes from the land, water and air. In the article 'The Pope', (Sydney Morning Herald, 25.6.15, News 9), He said, '**The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth**'. Too right. This week, for example, a black man in Glebe Point Road threw his cigarette packet right across the road, so I went to tell him to put it in the bin. He replied that I should mind my own business; that I didn't know what problems he had; I was not his auntie to direct him and that if I bothered him again he'd call cops. I said I just wanted a cleaner street. He said I should go and clean up Australia. I decided not to push my luck by saying more. He should go and clean up Australia. I've lived in Glebe since 1975 and I'm still whinging about not knowing how rubbish is handled in Glebe and in second hand goods, etc. etc. Saviano alluded to Italian problems. Open up more local and national dialogues with the Catholic Church and others. Dump Bill Shorten as Labor Leader and choose Tanya Plibersek to assist state embodiment and reformation of Christian Democratic and other religious traditions in mutual services to the elderly, youth and small business and in related urban and rural development and market traditions. Santamaria championed a Singapore development model and it surely deserves strong consideration in Australia today as the natural bridge between East and West in a world which is being trashed by force fed consumption by the rich. Baby, that's us, like Scrooge McDuck.

In short, a public university should act openly in joint projects designed to implement regional and strategic planning educationally, to provide more stability and jobs, rather than continuing to support the purely driving professional and related secret interests which are part of the problem. Address directions discussed attached on security, investment and bequests, to bring us global

peasants together. God knows about herders or hunter gatherers. They appear hard to predict with reliability with too many children for modern standards of security and justice. Modern producers have been led by the desires of richer women and their doctors, engineers and tradesmen. This is us. Let us face the apparent facts more openly, to be openly corrected regionally, rather than buying access to so many comparatively unexamined professional ideologies. One looks forward to hearing from the VC about how the teaching will be carried out in the Charles Perkins Building. What will be the common practice? If nothing else works better the Chancellor and VC could always try asking for disciples to step forward into some new Division of Alumni and Development niches as an aspect of restructuring in greener directions to support related jobs.

Today we could all be on the same page with Santamaria's Christian Democratic tradition in seeking clearer approaches to the ideally coordinated issues of savings, interest rates and employment, in the treatment of land and housing. This can assist in implementation of the academic research qualities supposedly sought in Sydney University and elsewhere through broader practical learning opportunities in jobs in the real world, as distinct from in more narrowly theoretical numerical operations on-line or on paper. Ask the Premier, the former Premier now at MGSM, Kristina Kenelly, and others if Tanya Plibersek is not the natural women's and men's pick as federal leader for working together openly? Many more should judge than those secretly totting up and handing out spoils of voting and numbers cultures which are often blinkered stupid as well as undemocratic. One speaks as a former NSW public servant who watched managers fight for far more money than they could spend in practice every year. This also led to waste. In a democracy, the opportunities for corruption as distinct from justification of action in the public interest are intimately related to secrecy and occupational or organizational monopoly. Open it up to design competition that produces better social results and incentives than the unstable, increasingly blind and destructive profit motives of the markets, abetted by Treasury and lawyers. Risk management is thus treated very poorly.

Australians could try artistic, construction, planting and tending regional development routes which view mental 'illness' as an aspect of social stress and withdrawal or acting out, as suggested by Talcott-Parsons. From this perspective, self-questioning and refuge in a new environment with appropriate housing and related contribution attached may often appear as better approaches to challenging or apparently self-destructive behaviour than medical models. I distrust experiment with legal drugs as much as with illegal ones in mental disturbance and the taxpayer often foots the bill. They should also recognise reality better, which is often that comparatively young fit people may or may not work better than old fat ones, depending on the particular demands of the situation and job. Former acrobats have advantages working at heights. This blindness is not a trivial issue for good work, fairness and cost containment while preserving safety in ways which are more realistic. The Asian bricklayer, for example, is more culturally used to squatting on a platform and so probably works a lot faster, while being a lot less liable to lower back injury early in life, than Australian born bricklayers, who are in short supply today. Early back pain is a hugely expensive work result for many. One wonders if the great Frank Gehry building at UTS, the Chau Chak Wing building, is pulling one's leg with so many bricks. It and the industrial railway park are terrific additions to an area which remains woefully short on beautiful shady trees and long on concrete. A related and vital part of fair treatment, as well as construction is the open capacity to provide the competent and motivated, as distinct from purely certificated, to find pathways which others may more easily

expect to open up to them by birthright payment. Sydney is global. Grasp it and act openly to improve it.

One assumes many may have a hand in this inclusive direction through opening investigations with strata and related land and community housing managers, local government and Trades Monitor processes. However, I guess the normal approach is also to stay put while shrinking inside, away from the work and the trouble. (Baby I know the feeling.) From this historic perspective, artistic care or support also appears unlikely to be forthcoming, if not allied to work in health care, education, sport or land and housing, etc. I am still finding how that works in getting rid of rubbish. Nevertheless, art and mental health are intimately tied together, as anyone who has ever been lifted by music and song around the table and washing up will know or not. See related discussion attached in response to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee inquiry into the impact of the 2014 and 2015 Commonwealth Budget decisions on the Arts. Let me recommend 'Intrepid' and NZ tour guides as some of the most inspiring and competent young professionals I've met. Whatever the training is, it was certainly working for me. Their guiding has been a delight for me in retirement. It seems to me that fostering this organized route is key to the future.

I want to put money in open, stable investment - not donation - because I think this is likely to be the best way forward in related community development, as discussed attached. NAB bank doesn't offer what I want and I don't trust it. If the VC can't address his feudal institution better than succumbing to collegiate interests and global market forces to produce the worst of both, he should be shot. As an alumni member of three universities, including Sydney, I'm trying to integrate the global and regional practice better through local housing in Glebe, which is related to the Royal Commission into Trade Unions and the Productivity Commission view of industrial relation and the architecture, arts and service agendas. I am doing this through housing and the Vice Chancellor's Morning Tea process which I hope you follow up.

**Questions about milk and related topics (Why did the Division of Alumni ask each of us the question 'What was the moment that defined your life?' What do you make of the answers?)**

**Share the world according to Santamaria, with which Popes and Churches have increasingly parted company to join the human race towards truth and its common evasion: (I prefer the Orwell version of life.)**

Why was it that the caterers for the VC's Morning Tea appeared to be hoarding milk as if it were saffron or truffles? In Sydney they do not refer to us as the 'latte set' for nothing. Bring back the big jugs and put them on the table. At our age we were given a bottle of milk for free each morning when we attended primary school. We also know that calcium is most important for tough teeth and to counter deteriorating bone quality in the post-menopausal woman or older man, which is also related to fractures caused by falling. Falls are a big risk to health in old age and relate to diet and exercise, turning into us. Do caterers hate dairy farmers or ignore them? (I feel sure de Ferrenti will back me up about falling. It was nice to see Helen Sham Ho and reminisce about old days in government. Kerry Chikarovski is great on The Drum.)

Santamaria spoke both truly and ironically as an increasingly conscious representative of his Italian immigrant peasant forebears all his life. I speak better later as a Marxist feminist immigrant of Welsh and English stock who came of age first on a family share farm near Maryborough and later in Brisbane and on a teacher's scholarship in an Arts course at Queensland University during the US war on Vietnam in which others also found themselves caught up. However, when urban life has normally grazed one so lightly and gives one so much pleasure in Australia, it is easy to be philosophical rather than bitter about choices one made for others when young. How can any comparatively secure and stable life, composed of personally meaningful duties and often including acting and writing be so bad for the scholar, when one is living through the interesting times that the Chinese wished upon us? Santamaria, however, wisely warned against generalizations in his letter on the position of women in 1987. In it he ended by thoughtfully writing: *'Some men are tyrants. Some women are nags. In other words there is no perfect condition on earth'* (p. 438) Irony is the typical refuge of the common lawyer? One often wonders how many have lived with themselves.

The BCA states *over the next 20 years the rate at which supply of water and land is added globally would have to increase by 140 percent and 250 percent respectively, compared to the past 20 years* (p. 34). These commercial land and water increases are apparently necessary to meet ever-increasing consumption and workforce needs, along with the more competitively flexible work outputs the BCA seeks, including more and more people. For the BCA, like Santamaria, it seems too many people consuming and in the workforce, are never enough. This is our hell on earth where there is no notion what was missed as the only record is a lying price. We have seen this degraded future around the poorest parts of the world already. It is not surprising that it may be violent and impoverishing. People need history to inform them as well as give pleasure in retrospect or we appear spiritually and emotionally lost, as pointed out by Jung and Freud in my case. Professional and related category limitations are ideally addressed in this regional and community context for wellbeing in which we all are ideally included. Categories may be like men in that you can't live with them or without them. (This is the dialectic working itself out and needing early help with plumbing). A woman with a house values clean, plentiful water most I guess, whereas the reverse is often served up to everybody except the Western tourist using it up hot every night. Revisiting Africa makes me sad. I heard about the reasons for deserts rapidly encroaching and how to rehabilitate land and communities against the problem as a member of the Kano Club in Nigeria in 1972. This has only got far worse since.

Thank you again for the invitation. I hope you find the feedback more useful than the norm. Cheers, Carol O'Donnell, St James Court, 10/11 Rosebank St., Glebe, 2037. [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au)