

## OFFSPRING: PROPOSITIONS TO RAMSAY CENTRE AUTHORITIES ON THE PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS AND PACIFIC COURSE AT QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY

You don't own me. I'm not just one of your many toys. (Leslie Gore, 1963)

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## OVERVIEW: MY NON-INDIGENOUS, GLOBAL OFFER AND REGIONAL RECOMMENDATION STARTING WITH MYSELF, MY WEBSITE AND WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION GOALS

From reading press reports and the relevant institutional websites, I make the following recommendations later which are based on earlier submissions attached.

**I OFFER RAMSAY MATERIAL TO WOLLONGONG IN ATTACHED PROPOSALS TO SUPPORT THE GLOBAL AND REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTIONS ADDRESSED BELOW, ATTACHED AND ON [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au) TAKE IT FROM HERE.**

The particulars of Ramsay Centre educational requirements and proposals at Queensland University are addressed later. Wollongong authorities have not yet responded.

The former PM, Malcolm Turnbull, established an expert panel to consider '**the intersections between the enjoyment of the freedom of religion and other human rights**'. Related regional service and development directions are attached based on the Australian federal and state Constitutions. We can also work with Pope Francis, however, as we value open and free action and responsibility, not closed, institutional operations. It's only words so far? Could we start broadly on his Encyclical for the Environment **Laudato Si**, for example? Related regional directions are suggested attached and later in particular relation to Queensland direction as well as on [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au). Start in bush heritage?

Ramsay Centre authorities in Queensland should put the proposed Australian Indigenous and Pacific course in the Ramsay curriculum beside or after my proffered course to authorities at Wollongong University. This is a joint proposal centred on the Wollongong hinterland and coastal regions, taken from historical perspectives for more illustrative and sustainable development purposes. It was originally designed to support the health service lectures I gave for 11 years at the University of Sydney, before I retired in 2007. See [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au) for these lectures, under the **Learning** side bar.

The two great books I suggested to Wollongong, to provide a reasonable spine for historical and future development discussion, are the **Communist Manifesto** by Marx and Engels and Freud's **Civilization and its Discontents**. These two texts may have major relevance for epistemological study in any sphere, being comparatively materialist, rather than primarily idealist. The latter often appears the case with many occupational disciplines descended from the law as received in scientific and related technological operations; like flying or communicating, or not. The recent book, **Birth of the Pill**, is addressed in related discussion of the welfare of children later. The New York Times said, '*Eig's nimbly paced cultural*

*history shows the pill's genesis was anything but simple'. Too right. Women and their children felt the effects disproportionately, whether in wedlock or not. Amnesia often takes over policy, happily following the market to wait for the next big round before desert.*

**WHO AM I? A QUEENSLAND UNI. GRADUATE IN ENGLISH, HISTORY AND FRENCH  
(BA 1968, Dip. Ed. 1970 at U of Q with an M.Ed. and PhD later in Sydney.)**

I am proud to be a University of Queensland (U of Q) alumnus (1966-68 BA and 1970 Diploma of Education with a gap year travelling in Europe and India in 1969.)

The education I received at U of Q, at that time, from teachers and peers, had the most profoundly formative effect on my experience for the rest of my life. In every sense, the Queensland University Bachelor of Arts and Dip. Ed. provided me with a broader and deeper historical understanding which increasingly became the key foundation of the rest of my life's work and pleasure. It might sound as if these fulsome words are kidding but I assure you they are not. These were formative years which were totally in keeping with the British immigrant background I had come from. This would have been lost to me had I married normally instead of having this U of Q education. (I owe it to a Queensland boy's rejection.)

See a short film of my life and a plea to you and the Pope at [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au)

My early years at UQ were made even better by the fact that I willingly left Indooroopilly High School and started working as a shorthand typist at the age of fifteen, as my family also expected I should. I did so because I wanted to have more of my own money at last, to spend on myself. I was soon sad to have left schooling, however, so completed secondary education at night school. Queensland Uni. was learning bliss for a young woman like me. I couldn't believe how lucky I was to be there. It thrilled me to bits in every way. Honestly.

My academic and other work history is on my website at [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au). I have a Master's Degree in Education from Sydney Uni. and a Ph.D. from Macquarie University. From 1985 to 1995 I worked in policy and management positions in the NSW public service. I spent my high school teaching years in the 1970s in Northern Nigeria, Melbourne and Sydney. When I was at Queensland University the '**Honest to God**' debate was newly all the rage, about personal self-determination and responsibility. One often wonders that so many working in universities and elsewhere today appear to have closed their eyes to the ideally clearer link between sex and pregnancy, wanted or not. The rights of children to be better protected from harm and want, in living as their parents' or others chattels in battles, are brilliantly explored in Asne Seierstad's book, **One of Us**, the story of Anders Breivik and the Massacre in Norway. Also see her book '**Two Sisters**'. They found global grooms in Jihad provided more exciting life prospects than parental choices. (Now they want to come back?)

I recently read **The Brain**, from the Queensland Brain Institute at U of Q. with great interest. I know nothing about either our brains or artificial intelligence. As a child, student, teacher, mother, lover, and grandmother, I have learned more about the mind. Surely, however, the brain is mainly constructed by the mind of the particular environment which produces its funding, framing, learning or forgetting, for example? We cannot escape our heritage so

should explore it in trying to understand and heal ourselves and our natural environment better to preserve it for future generations. The markets and tribes move on driven by older, more powerful forces, violently smashing, constructing and reconstructing or not. Europeans have learned a lot longer and more painfully than the Americans Australia so often follows in straining against the broadening blanket of its welfare state discussed later.

Try turning this around through more openly and honestly attempted address, on-line or not. **Four Corners** on ABC free-to-air TV provided a great model in recent discussion of Chinese nationals apparently sending big amounts of money from China, apparently illegally, to fund apartment construction or other real estate deals on the Queensland Gold Coast. Cherchez le construction industry I always say. They often have their fingers on the pulse of life. I also think about US movies about Las Vegas entertainment and gambling interests. During the eighties I worked for NSW state government on matters of national interest, including their standards, certification, establishment and management of funds for further construction and rehabilitation purposes. I also worked to support anti-discrimination law in a wide variety of arenas. This is how I came to dedicate my life to hating lawyers. I address Tim Soutphommasane's crappy book '**On Hate**' later. We know already **Hell Has Harbour Views** so if we have to take a lawyer let us have Richard Beazley. He claimed to be recovering on The Drum on ABC TV. (This program is often so great I miss the 6.30 pm international news on SBS TV. I don't do that for many people.)

Politicians should try giving every law a clear aim, with key definitions and supporting requirements in plain English. In the full bloom of their legal illusions about themselves and justice, lawyers normally expect the full following of older prescriptions. The secrecy between a lawyer and client always reigns supreme, whether such prescriptions are suited to the particular place or not. The common dictionary is far more realistic and cheaper than courts. The language spoken and the expertise available on radio, TV and in newspapers or key Australian inquiries is better designed for getting at the truth. This reverts to opaque legal wishes pretending to be ours soon enough. How do we know what we want, etc. etc. Recent consideration and report on national and industry or retail superannuation funds, banks and insurance companies, now provide opportunities for the creation of more open regional operational models which are more capable of addressing joint regional goals well.

**Hooray, hooray, nice try for them in Politicians and public servants vs. Lawyers rather than trying to follow them up. As I recall a Bush top presidential aid started this off by accidentally shooting his when out hunting quail. Do they make this American stuff up? Actions speak louder than words again?**

**What can I offer in Ramsay service? [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au)**

**Better, faster, words for useful teaching in work based on evidence about the place.**

See **subject outlines, assessments and lectures** I gave at **Sydney University**, under the website **Learning** side bar, during eleven years spent teaching in the **Faculty of Health Sciences** before my retirement in 2007 at the age of sixty. My PhD. Is from Macquarie Uni. It was published in 1984 by Allen and Unwin under the title **The Basis of the Bargain: Gender, Schooling and Jobs**. This led me into the NSW public service for a decade. More

information on my work is also at [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au) under the **Background** side bar. In the 1980s I co-authored three more books, published by Longman Cheshire and Allen and Unwin, on family violence, services for children, and the lives of women in work, paid or not. (See discussion later of Jane Caro's recent book, **Accidental Feminist**, for related treatment. We should face the fact we are all going to die rather than endlessly get better. This is why I unreservedly offer my 72 years old self to electoral forces in **Dying with Dignity** in the coming state and federal elections. Why should I stick around when I want to go? The answer is I haven't the guts to kill myself and I've seen old men fuck it up without state help. You cannot believe the rage I now feel at being forced under professional care.

A major goal in writing now is to draw attention to the submissions attached. The primary one was made to those considering a Ramsay Centre at Wollongong University. See discussion of the Wollongong Manifesto for regional eco-project coastal work and investment on [www.codonnell.com.au](http://www.codonnell.com.au) under the heading **Eco-City and under the side-bar on eco- development**. Wollongong is a vital multicultural part of Australia's land and history of caring or neglect. Every part of Australia no doubt makes its contributions to the whole. You'll love every piece of Victoria as we know from our travels and TV. When I hear '**La Mer**' in the background I sit down on the couch to watch and tears of joy roll down my ancient cheeks. Students are invited to explore their nature and surroundings for work or entertainment purposes which are ideally related to achieving better environmental health. (See more on dying with dignity attached. At 72 I should be helped to pass on when I want.)

I take related regional approaches to the affairs of women and children today and for future generations in the attached file entitled **Salt Demographic analysis**. I was impressed with the clear demographic data on which Bernard Salt based his 2018 talk to the **Future Asia Business Summit** regarding the place of Sydney in the world economy today, compared with the past and with future projections. The regional demographic and development approaches are supported for planning and delivering key services directed to broader wellbeing, starting with incentives for contraception for men, as well as for women, in a two-child global policy arrived at over time. This is to serve the joint community purposes of more stable and accommodating approaches to life and risk in community living.

In this global and related regional context, human rights are addressed as moveable feasts, whether forged in struggle against the dominant British and US adversarial and global top relations, or not. I also speak as a woman who fondly remembers a history subject called Cultural History of India which I did at U of Q in 1968. It opened my eyes to a totally different family way of thinking based on Gods, castes and challenges to them. This remains vital inquiry today for anybody interested in anybody's welfare. It matters if we are not to see good government policy ripped apart by families, intent on ripping up land, erecting or buying bigger buildings, and always loving art, of course. (Some of them breed like rabbits.)

I write in part to promote more open regional approaches to data and projects as they have been painstakingly developed in Australian national funds management directions related to population health and well-being from the cradle to the grave. In the more globally competitive labour context of today, too much competitive human breeding often appears

to be the key mechanism for reducing the locally expected quality standards and widening, not closing, any 'gaps' between rural and urban expectations, often driven by global family and related legal elites. Open up more regional communications for all to understand the related expectations of the broader welfare net and how to meet them better.

One key message is any people living in comparative poverty need fewer, not more, kids to catch up with those who are more used to having fewer. Jonothan Eig's book, **The Birth of the Pill: How four pioneers reinvented sex and launched a revolution** is addressed in related contexts. **Now give men and women better financial incentives for the practice.**

Come to terms with practices and ideologies not driven in US markets. Try new ideas in the fight against corruption such as those so brilliantly shown on the recent **4 Corners** program which dealt with Chinese interests laundering money through real estate companies registered on the Queensland Gold Coast. This seemed a clear and clever TV account of fighting corruption in open dealing between Chinese and Australian regulatory authorities and other actors. From the history and location, I speculate Hong Kong is a concrete sewer of corruption compared to Singapore; and thus presents a less good and reliable funding partner for Australia in any joint venture. The Singapore planning approach is clearer to the nakedly ignorant eye, as mine also was as a fleeting tourist in both financial centres. I guess the Vice Chancellor of Sydney University knows a lot about such matters in part as a result of **Inspire**, the recently successful University fund raising for charity and research purposes.

### **Considering the Ramsay Centre and the University of Queensland Response**

The University of Queensland (UQ) website states the Ramsay Centre was established in March 2017, following an endowment from Mr Paul Ramsay AO, an Australian business leader who established a private psychiatric clinic in Sydney in 1964. From this beginning the business grew to become one of the world's largest private hospital operators, with 212 hospitals located in Australia, the UK, France, Indonesia and Malaysia.

I offer mental and other health related teaching and assessment material starting with the World Health Organization (WHO) wholistic and related regional place and person-based approaches. This WHO perspective is offered instead of being governed by traditional Western professional and related secret silos of interest, collegiate or not. When people have no trust, open evidence can assist them in resolving or living with any problems, if they allow it. I always back it in broader debate, rather than **patriotism** or any other **ism** discussed later, which upholds the cold war mentality referred to by President Xi of China. In Australia, on the other hand, the new MyHealth record system serves better approaches.

This cold war mentality is led in Australia, however, by many like Tim Soutphommasane, former Race Discrimination Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission. His recent book **On Hate** is addressed in global contexts later. He works under the blinkered control of key Western adversarial legal forces with feudal, pre-scientific views about trust and evidence. The legal practice often implies what you don't know can't hurt you and that we should waste time and money arguing forever in spoken or written legal drivel on the law and its practice; not resting on the broader historical conditions related to the grounds. **On Hate** is discussed briefly later in regard to rights of comparatively poor and troubled

children to be supported by effective parents and carers rather than irresponsible ones; and the right of the rest of the community to see all men and women choose birth control.

According to the press and relevant websites the Ramsay mission set out in the Board's Charter is ***'to advance education by promoting studies and discussion associated with the establishment and development of western civilization, including through establishing scholarship funds and educational courses in partnership with universities.'***

If you've got it, flaunt it, as **The Producers** reminds us. It is often desirable for clearer and more memorable education or entertainment, that the written word should be accompanied by still or moving pictures, with music and song. This may also be an approach to knowledge combining theory and practice on the ground for assessment. See, for example, responses to ***the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) inquiry into digital search engines, social media platforms, and other digital content aggregation platforms (platform services) (sic.) and also on the state of competition in related service markets*** at [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au) under the **Heritage Way** side bar. Hilmer's National Competition Policy report (1993) appeared the first to define competition and accept the reality that one may compete for many objects besides more money. Pity his abiding common-sense insight has been drowned in all the normal lawyers' drivel since.

**We need more broadly acceptable, clear and open approaches to the quote and the contract, designed in the public interest for specified work done in a particular place.**

In the 1980s the **code of practice** was a good concept but it quickly gets unhelpfully reified in legal practice which wants to judge it as law, rather than open advice about building. It is driven this way by secretly litigious people of every stripe and lawyers who demand it.

According to common press report and relevant University websites, The Ramsay course is based on great books. As I wrote in the attached proposal to Wollongong University:

*Surely none could be finer than those two slim, clear and widely available volumes, **The Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels** and **Civilization and Its Discontents by Sigmund Freud**. (By all means read others and accompany the lot with music by Bob Dylan, Paul Simon and Broadway, etc. etc. etc.). Words deserve illuminating images and related regional and historical approaches to communication, including relevant product archival, display and DVD or other sale, as briefly addressed attached.*

Every year a new crop of children is introduced to the cheap delights of the free-to-air Children's Channel on ABC TV. It is fun, educational and free from high sugar and high fat food, drink and related drug pester-power which seems the ubiquitous nature of mass US life. Education and care bills are higher up the market chain. We can't all be as smart and lucky as Ruth Bader Ginsberg. She apparently took a Constitutional law approach to the first national US anti-discrimination law case, against the tax court ruling, according to a recent excellent US film **'On the basis of sex'**. She married young to a Harvard tax lawyer, naturally for life, without doubt. At work I saw how her debates played out in Australia. Here women have argued for years that cheap, reliable, services can't be left to markets acting in consort with tax lawyers as this appears to fuel rising social inequality and distress.

On its website the UQ states it is putting forward a course under the Ramsay rubric related to Aboriginal and Pacific studies and also as a measure for implementation of the **University of Queensland (UQ) Reconciliation Action Plan**. That seems sensible as a way of developing broader and better current and historical knowledge of the particular region and the people within it. This is to gain many benefits and services related to enhancing understanding and hence wellbeing more broadly and inclusively.

The UQ website states the institution also acknowledges the historical fact that violent colonisation was undertaken by western countries that believed themselves to be 'civilised'. Nevertheless, under the Ramsay Centre rubric, the UQ is proposing a major, not a full degree, in Western civilisation, which could be taken as part of its existing humanities degree. Fair enough. (I have always used mother's 'a cat may look at a king' principle.)

The UQ proposed reading and supplementary reading lists apparently include a number of fiction and nonfiction texts that explore the impact of the West on Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The following are suggested:

Australian Human Rights Commission, *Bringing Them Home*; Henry Reynolds, selected writings on Aboriginal-settler relations in Australia; Patrick Thornberry, *Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights*; *Mabo v Queensland (1992)*; Kim Scott, *That Deadman Dance*; Kate Grenville, *The Secret River*; Sally Morgan, *My Place*.

(The above appear fine texts but I am no expert in this. Surely you must include Humphrey McQueen? I would. He did good work in pointing out Australians knew far more about native American tribes than Australian ones. I also recall Marcia Langton as a U of Q kid.)

However, the written word may be made more alive by the still or moving picture, 'worth a thousand words'. Consultation with the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) and the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) as well as key news media are recommended in the above regional light. Humphrey McQueen's views, which he often presented to students at Queensland University impressed me greatly then, but are revisited more critically today. As I recall, he did not go in any anti-war, New Left and other demonstrations but lurked suited in the cloisters. Once a lawyer always a lawyer?

### **Continuing discussion of the terms for more equality of opportunity and wellbeing**

In 1973 or thereabouts, McQueen, whose work I hardly recall today, apparently stated the following about his critical philosophical self (and supposedly **not** other criticism) in the recent reference emailed to me by NSW champions of East Timorese and other interests:

*'The last of my self-destructing objections is that I have been guilty of what Claude Levi-Strauss would describe as 'primitive thinking'. I have uncovered a body of new data and to interpret them I have merely stood the old interpretation on its head. No native would be so unsubtle. (My emphasis). But like most twentieth-century middle-class Europeans I am a long way from the art required to think in complex,*

*fluid, dialectical ways. My mind has been reduced to a railway track and it takes me a very long time to see what is obvious to a savage. '*

Surely it is the native ('savage'?) of any place who is more likely merely to have stood the old interpretation on its head? Only the outsider, like the Jew in Christianity may see more broadly. This point is not just a quibble, it is a vital part of growing up. Is Humphrey being ironic and if so, does it help? I don't think so. I remember being impressed with him in my Queensland youth but this important statement he makes is surely wrong. If he is being ironic, surely like the lawyer, he is merely playing to his own gallery with a nod and a wink.

### **Poor prognosis for ignoring gun violence, lying and unrestrained or careless reproduction**

There may be nothing good nor bad unless thinking makes it so, as Hamlet observed. However, if starting with the position in Article 1 the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, it seems stupid to ignore the essential differences between talking to people and sticking things in their bodies, in terms of doing damage. This conflation of a perception of harm, with clearer harmful reality like death grounded in violent practice, is often problematic for reasons discussed attached.

This also appears related to US Constitutional belief that the trade in arms is sacrosanct under God, and a source of protection, rather than a means of killing the unarmed. Hating or being angry at people enough to physically wound or kill them appears historically to be closely related to increasing competition over resources. Then there are all the family and friendly accidents, where US people kill their own. As I said to a supporter of the US Black Lives Matter Movement: If black lives mattered, black men would have fewer children and care more about what happens to them. To give police more guns is also to see more shot.

According to her website biographies, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the subject of the current excellent movie '**On the Basis of Sex**', taught at Rutgers University Law School (1963–72) and at Columbia (1972–80), where she became the school's first female tenured professor. During the 1970s, she served as director of the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, for which she argued six landmark cases on gender equality before the U.S. Supreme Court. Ginsburg also believed the law was gender-blind and all groups were entitled to equal rights. One of the five cases she won before the Supreme Court involved a portion of the Social Security Act that favoured women over men because it granted certain home care and tax benefits to widows but not widowers. Australians have seen markets and lawyers don't give sufficient protection and cost control to those seeking comparatively healthy and stable wellbeing in communities of interest and for residents across regions.

American legal and political interests have often traded off welfare demands for tax cuts, as if the market naturally produces superior service outcomes, except in secret war and private allocations, the giant state businesses. Tax incentives may fuel markets and create greater



instability and cost which leads to greater collective ignorance and inequality. One sees this, for example, in the origins of the global financial crisis of 2008 in US federal housing programs delivered with US states, designed with related tax incentives. This historical road appears to have recently favoured the comparatively rich, without good reason.

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the infant Australian industry fund management directions have tried more successfully to plan more positively, rather than supporting being driven hither and yon at the behest of markets managed by lawyers acting in secret for secret clients. This has considerable ramifications for Australian trading relations in Asia and for general wellbeing in future, as Chinese and US interests and languages drive the region.

Secrecy, as I often remark, is merely ignorance under another name. Surely it is also impossible to have justice by voting, in the absence of comparatively open knowledge and related systems for determining matters, where the settlement may also be reflected upon in light of later knowledge, perhaps to revise it more justly. See discussion **On College Women and Men: An open letter to the Vice Chancellor of Sydney University and the Minister for Social Services**, as attached and in relation to better programs for women and children's development. Sexual harassment, violence and corruption are also addressed.

I have always been grateful for the comparatively good, caring and open education I got in Queensland. As Londoners who arrived in Australia in 1953, my family were used to comparatively combative family conversation around the dinner table. My dad took me to the local library once a week. Our family watched Bertrand Russell, Ed Murrow and B.A. Santamaria on TV each weekend as soon as it arrived in Australia, when I was a child in Brisbane. Night school was there to pick me up as a dissatisfied teenage shorthand typist. I later admired Kevin Rudd greatly as PM, partly for the work his government did in continuing the Australian national communications agenda discussed under the **Heritage Way** side bar at [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au). Also see related ACCC and other discussions on education and communication under this heading. I seek to write in related traditions.

Tim Soutphommasane's recent essay '**On Hate**' is symptomatic of our times, when Western lawyers deny the obvious reality that the idea that women and their children have rights may turn their lot from being local producer goods to consumer goods, costing parents a lot of initial monetary outlay for uncertain return. The comparatively poor have historically seen children bring income into the family household by the trade of children in childhood work or marriage. For example, see the great movie **Capharnaum** for the tale of what the slums of Lebanon may be like for a child of the poor, like many others clamouring to escape.

In a show of hands in the Gleebook's auditorium, requested by Soutphommasane, however, I was the only person present, who thought a public discussion of **paedophilia** would be a good idea. They didn't want to know beyond their Christian and related newfound blinkers in gay marriage or other comparatively fleeting market pursuits. A discussion of what loving children looks like globally seems unavoidable for better policy and welfare outcomes. You won't ever get this from World Vision or any other key aid or children's charities, I guess. This seems disgraceful because the approach appears a lost cause in many global parts. Where death at birth or soon after was once common, now kids linger on in greater want.

There is often an economic base to hate which is related to the need for competition to survive as one deems fit in the present and supposedly as one's people did in the past, or not. There seems likely to be little or no closing of 'gaps' in equitable treatment, as long as people, typically from more rural and remote areas, produce more children than those in urban centres. There may be more work for them in urban centres, or not. However, what they do for a living is naturally going to affect the life others around may have for better or worse, depending on their capacity to add to family wealth and wellbeing, or to drain them.

I first visited China in 1976 on an Australia/Chinese teachers and students education tour, at the end of the Chinese cultural revolution. I was then a postgraduate education student at Sydney University. This was shortly after two years teaching in Northern Nigeria (where Boko Haram is today) under the Australian Volunteers Abroad Program. This followed the Biafran succession, oil wars and corruption such as commonly ends in military rule. One also notes in global equity contexts both major Australian parties today support effective control over Australian borders, on majority population views. In an earlier Ramsay submission, I asked if the Sydney Uni. VC and wife are unsuitable models, addressed below.

In **On Hate**, Soutphommasane, the former Race Discrimination Commissioner, ignores economic and racial reality, including his own. He has a Chinese father but appears as a thoughtless US lackey, supported by Labor MP Penny Wong, who likes his book. The 1907 Harvester judgment, which set the male wage as sufficient to support a wife and two to three children in frugal comfort was accompanied by a White Australia policy for rational economic reasons, as distinct from on some hateful and irrational whim, as they suggest. There are such thing as too much competition or too little competition leading opaquely to cyclical crashes while offloading their costs on the public purse as matters of legal course.

Australia acted as a lackey in US invasions, bombings, burning and starvation of civilian Koreans, Vietnamese, Cambodians and others after World War 2. The domino theory, which many Australians adopted at the time, was that the Communist hordes of Asia would overrun our country unless we went to theirs to kill them first. The one child policy (now two) introduced by the Chinese Communist Party is now ignored for its relevance in lifting national and personal wealth, or judged as an example of a lack of human rights in China.

I apply this historic materialist proposition in questioning Sydney Uni. Vice Chancellor, Michael Spence and his wife, for example. He has eight children, five by his first wife and three under five by his second. She is far younger and Korean. Ask them more about why. If one is concerned about equitable order, as well as global warming, surely one's people must collectively embrace the ideal that no man or woman should normally have more than two children. This is for fear of mass want and dependence on others who must accordingly sustain or accommodate them in straightened circumstances, which may also reduce their own rights and freedoms. I have appreciated and admired the Chinese peoples' grasping this nettle in their post-war barefoot doctors' programs and related health and educational efforts, followed by the one child program, now raised to a potential ideal of two. What particular rationale does VC Michael Spence appear to be following? (God alone knows?)

**Land and the people with particular interests in controlling its use**

I currently also refer to comments in the Australian Financial Review made by Chinese billionaire land developer Huang Xiangmo, according to the article '**Australia a 'giant baby' for cancelling visa billionaire**'. Mr Huang's permanent residency was reported as cancelled and he was refused re-entry to Australia after he made donations to both major Australian political parties. This occurred at their request, according to him (AFR 13.2.19 p.8). Huang Xiangmo also said the history of Australia has determined the innate characteristics of a giant baby. According to him this is '*an objective fact, and it does not mean Australia has to feel inferior. The growth of a giant baby takes time and Australia still has a long way to go*'.

Some may recall US cigarette advertising jingles said the same about women taking up smoking. Huang shows barefaced cheek. I bet I could say exactly the same about China. (Perhaps we should all read **Left wing Communism an Infantile Disorder** again. I forgot it.)

Elsewhere in the AFR it is reported that former PM Rudd, now living in New York, has called on Labor to halve its trade union backed party votes to 25%. Rudd was also the PM, you may recall, who memorably claimed '*Those Chinese ratfuckers are going to ratfuck us*', in failing to come to agreement over the Kyoto Treaty on global warming. At the time I feared the Kyoto Treaty would fuel the usual cycles of boom and bust, undermining its supposed objects of global warming reduction and sustainability. (I saw similar issues in new workers compensation and insurance management while working in government during the 1980s.)

In the Ramsay Centre context and U of Q response, I see this [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au) teaching and research direction offer as part of related discussions of cold war mentality in which any Australian human rights debate is also captive. I have worked in this area in various ways all my adult and teaching life. See discussion of racism and sexism attached.

One notes the common imperial purpose is replicated in the building pursuits of the modern state because the fascist (brotherhood) combinations of producers in this area may be historically preferred to the common descent into men's warfare over common spoils, as symbolised in football. Australian leaders have yearned collectively for better things against the past forces which contain us in the present to blacken the children's collective future.

We, that is the residents of the green and beautiful harbour city of Sydney, always fear green public space being snatched for big business and all their party relations. We have seen this in Asian cities and are glad that we don't live there in the concrete jungles and smog where various versions of Mickey Mouse commerce appear to be king. It is shocking, for example, that the **Sydney Morning Project film and narration, pamphlet, wooden model and on-line website**, show no interest in what exercises Sydney siders most: i.e. the encroachment of building on the free and publicly available beauty of the harbour and the gardens around it. **What makes it a 6-star Green Star design rated public art museum?** The pamphlet on the **Sydney Modern Project** states, this is a '*parkland setting in one of the most beautiful cultural precincts in the world*'. The setting is beautiful because it is not yet overrun with giant concrete buildings, roads and smog. Sydneysiders spent many years fighting to keep it that way. The Gallery's collection may belong to the people, as the Gallery states, but there are many more wondrous sights in nature than those in various international and state land,

construction and art markets have dreamed or produced. We want green places kept and extended and we want builders to care instead of crushing all around. This presentation is a cultural disgrace.

Reading Soutphommasane's '**On Hate**' is a waste of time without better regional direction. One ideally seeks the expression of the perceived truth more broadly in any event, while recognizing that one's particular truths exist in this shared regional context, also depending on one's particular knowledge and experience. Universities and places like them often appear unusually safe for constructive expression. They should encourage open, honest speech, however disturbing it may be to hear. We seek this as a public service. It may not necessarily be perceived as civil. Get a grip on geography and history in culture. It's economic, political and emotional, Baby. Call Huang Xiangmo a giant baby and back it up.

Taking demographic and related health approaches to land and its produce is vital to protect the lot. This has been pioneered in Australia in human health policy and direction. Only connect, as EM Forster reminds us. One turns to the Ramsay Centre for this with a related regional direction formed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and extended.

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## **AN APPEAL AND REVIEW OF JANE CARO AND ACCIDENTAL FEMINISTS**

The women's political strategy provided below to support **Jano Caro** is based on admiring her performance on **One Plus One** and **The Drum** on **ABC TV** and on reading her book **Accidental Feminists**. I saw her talk about it with Richard Dennis last night at **Gleebooks**. She talks better than she writes in this quickie. Why not multiple choice test yourself below with readers who don't judge? (God help us.)

Who sang '**Teach me tonight?**' **A.** Zeus; **B.** Szasz; **C.** Dr. Seuss or **D.** K. Star?

It helps a lot to know what to do without the usual blinkers but is seldom in as deep. See review of **Accidental Feminists** later. It raises many important questions. I make related free offers of free product attached and on [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au)

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**I WOULD BE THRILLED IF JANE CARO STOOD FOR THE VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA PARTY IN GLEBE OR IN HER CHOSEN ELECTORATES.**

**BUT WOULD SHE GET ANY COVERAGE? I WOULD SUPPORT HER. (THESE DAYS I DON'T DO ANYTHING STRONGLY EXCEPT PUT HER STRAIGHT HERE)**

I was inspired to join **Dying with Dignity** and the **Voluntary Euthanasia Party**, after the **Sydney Morning Herald** informed me that they existed in **November, 2018**. I never knew they ran in Wentworth by-election, but they did. Jane could do better standing on her ear to bring the message about women of any age, expressed in her book. I saw her inspiring discussion on **One Plus One** and immediately joined Dying with Dignity and the Voluntary Euthanasia Party and offered to run in the next state and federal elections. As a common **Accidental Feminist**, Jane would be far greater than me as I am perhaps much angrier than she is, being ten years older.

The main point in any such electoral case is not to get elected but to develop better community understanding about the situation of those who are dying and may have lived in a variety of ways historically bound by culture and family circumstances. We are our own best regional research objects in my view and should scrap the common linear scale approach when it encourages avoidance of reality in spurious promise.

See openly related regional service directions and offers attached in discussions of the Ramsay Centre mission in Wollongong. See more on globally, regionally and locally related human rights and land and housing service treatments attached and on [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au) under the Heritage Way side bar, under the heading Art and Life. There are many ways of dying with dignity, with the latter concept being mightily subjective and ideally self-determined in my case. Let women explore this as men never will, perhaps. Men may avoid and deny the subject facing death forever. This is the nature of their feudal professions and related party and occupational hierarchies. Jane Caro sees maintaining paid relativities as too important for today. She should look more towards the approach of economist Jessica Irvine, in her article '**Stop paying money for nothing**', (Sydney Morning Herald 7.2.19 p. 20.)

Jane is a most inspiring, quick and intelligent speaker. Like me, she should be run up against a good Green, like Jamie Parker, in the state elections, or against Tanya Plibersek in the federal elections shortly after. I know nothing about electoral matters but many others know a lot I bet. I understand that candidates must be finalised for the state election by the end of February 2019, but how is it done? Tanya Plibersek, being a good Labour girl with the normal Catholic roots and family and party connexions, will be very muffled on dying. She is the one who recently had the third baby in middle age. (Why did she do that? Another discussion off public limits?)

Dying opens the buying and selling doors to housing, caring, willing, insurance, banking, investment, neglect and many other things in which we must also take more interest, if honestly invested in women's lot. I'm sure Jane Caro is, unlike some in her tribe, perhaps. Let **Voluntary Euthanasia Party** supporters ask **Jane Caro** to be an election candidate. She is a terrific, cogent, speaker on her topic of women's lot. I note both her parents are alive today and still have all their marbles. As fellow British immigrants, perhaps they would like to lead a pack. Surely, we all must be interested in hidden matters like dying with dignity? I am. Just you ask me about it.

## **ACCIDENTAL FEMINISTS: A REVIEW** 😞

**'Oh what a falling off was there! (as Hamlet said to his mother.)**

**Accidental Feminists** is like a long pommie whinge which gets a bit better towards the end. As another whinging pom just ten years older, I find I can usually only agree. However, I also speak as a woman who was a shorthand typist, high school English teacher, NSW public servant and an academic. Jane, on the other hand appears to have spent her whole life in the advertising family in which her British executive father also got her a job, according to her great interview on **One Plus One** but not her book. Why leave the vital fact aside for related assessments? In her book Jane hides her own potentially inconvenient truths, unlike in speaking.

For her information, I agree with the maxim on page 89 '**Be good sweet maid and let who will be clever**', which my mother also used to quote. It wasn't a rebuke to me. I never wanted to be a professional man's wife, like her mother, either. The only alternative proffered in **Accidental Feminists** often seems to be the blinkered rat race to the top of some illusory hill, supposedly tied to one partner for life or better not tell. What is it to want a career, not job satisfaction? The former often seems a new and wrongly corrosive concept to me, in the cradle to grave welfare net Australians have now been brought up to and expect. Women have always had a great brand in their willingness to preach or show they are cheaper or free and willing to work and learn. **Accidental Feminists** seems more intent on reaching the top than is good for us. *'If her daddy's rich, take her out for a meal', etc. etc. etc.*

I'm bored with this typical **Accidental Feminists** approach to life as a hobbled career race, as I think it is going to be unhelpfully manipulated forever in US and international markets which refuse to direct birth control on the grounds of a more equitable public order, as they should. The Pope recently said that to him, celibacy was always a gift to the church. As an old woman, I have long had white hair instead of blonde as I like to show I'm not worth it. Following Piaf, I've also been prepared to say *'Take this body, it's seen good service but it's still a bargain'* if I felt like it and I didn't fear being knocked back too much. This has been far rarer in later years.

On the other hand, I still like writing freely and see doing so as a vital aspect of dying with dignity. I was flabbergasted to read (p. 2) that Jane thought she had lived a much more interesting, varied and exciting life than almost any woman from the generations who came before her. (Surely that's a huge call? She must be pulling our historical legs? The tone of her book is to ram home shared disappointments.)

One can only assume, that as Jane has had the same principal life partner since the age of nineteen, she is a strong supporter of long-term monogamous marriage, whether the children have grown up or not. In an international gig economy where it is expected that two partners will seek career status, this seems increasingly like pushing an idealized version of shit uphill to me. She states on p. 91, for example:

**'Frankly, even if she got drunk every night of the week that still wouldn't excuse violence or betrayal'.**

I would never continue living with a person who got drunk every night of the week, especially if we shared financial and parenting responsibilities. I also think anybody

who wants a divorce should get one. What does Jane think? Shouldn't we know? The **Accidental Feminist** should tell us because the number of children we have may strongly influence the nature of our care many years before our deaths. Jane should run in the coming state and federal elections as a **Voluntary Euthanasia Party** candidate with a view to us understanding more about how to improve all our lives. I would strongly support her doing so and I hope that many others would too. When Clinton ran for office with his wife, offering two for the price of one, he wasn't kidding. Who in God's name did Jane Caro marry and how does he cope today? (My fascination with the unknown fates of my past lost loves is even greater.)

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