

YOU GUYS SHOULD GET TOGETHER: FREE ADVICE TO CITY OF SYDNEY RE SUSTAINABLE SYDNEY 2030 GOAL ATTAINMENT AND THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO AGED CARE QUALITY AND SAFETY

The People's Flag is palest pink; It's not as red as people think. (Bureaucrats' drinking song.)

Look what they've done to my song, ma. (Janis.)

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TA PLAN POUR MOI: PLASTIQUE BERTRAND AND I QUESTION OUR GROUP HOUSING MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH CARE

When quality and speed are the names of the game, rather than cost, we are in comparative wealth territory. One addresses state developers, related professionals and others about term of reference c. for the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. It asks about the future '**challenges and opportunities**' for delivering accessible, affordable and high-quality aged care services. The first and obvious point is that this is hard to assess in secret operations and without reference to term of reference e. It asks *how to ensure that aged care services are 'person-centred', including through allowing people to exercise greater choice, control and independence in relation to their care, and improving engagement with families and carers on care-related matters.* One assumes this occurs best in showing open interaction. One's thesis is also that industrial planning emphasis on income should be matched by concern about wealth transfer of other kinds to achieve healthy communities and economies. Open up to learn about our interests on site, and about life, reproduction and death in our surrounding communities, including us. Near death, one's hypothesis is it is more important to name one's health Enduring Guardian wisely than to make an early will with lawyers. Is this so?

One makes the same points to the Queensland Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee inquiry into aged care, end-of-life and palliative care which will report to the Queensland Legislative Assembly on the delivery of aged care, end-of-life and palliative care in Queensland across the health and ageing service systems. In undertaking this inquiry, the committee is also instructed to consider the terms of reference and submissions to the *Royal Commission in Quality and Safety of Aged Care* and, in recognising the Commission will occur in parallel, how to proactively work with the Commission to ensure an appropriate exchange of information to inform the conduct of the inquiry. Let us learn more.

I live as a resident and property owner in group housing under a strata plan at St James Court in Glebe in the City of Sydney. I also point out to the Commission that problems of any group housing naturally contain the housing and care for the aged as part of the same regional population care issue. The unavoidable existential policy problem is that we are born only to get older and die by being disabled early or late, in remote and rural areas as well as national or international cities like Sydney. A related problem is that we may feel the victim of 'service providers' with sectional interests ahead of our own. I often feel this, for example. How funny is that? The global and regional need is for more attention to be paid to the particular resident and grounds rather than wiping some provider concocted secret ruler over the lot. Past seventy we may not want to get better. Screw it.

Planning land and housing is an Australian state issue in the sense that real building starts with a development application to local councils. The Property Council of Australia analysis points to the NSW planning system as 'the worst' (sic.) in the country, characterised by delays, high costs, lack of transparency and uncertainty according to the article **NSW government 'needs to fix planning system' in the** Australian Financial Review. (AFR, 26.3.19, p. 35). As a person who has compared some apparently common practices in construction and housing maintenance with practices in health care and insurance, I am not surprised that housing practice is seen as poor. Surely the recent privatization of the Land Titles Office and Register makes such problems even worse, especially in global cities in prime lands and climates? Everybody is hiding what they know. One is reminded of Humpty Dumpty's view that words mean what he wants them to mean and it is just a question of who is to be master. Figures are even more like that. Try plain words and pictures.

If one approaches development from the common demographic perspective, which is inherent in any Census and related planning in any geographic region, one sees that birth followed by reproduction of the species and ageing are eventually disabling to the inevitable point of death. All of us in the country must live somewhere for various personal reasons, including the financial cost or benefit of doing so first or earlier than others. The regional demographic approach to management of human states and estates is preferred to market or industry driven state views. The market and related party state stances to the world environment and ourselves are secretive, adversarial, partial and thus open to the hoarding or corruption of knowledge which could be more available to all of us. From this view, the threat of defamation suit also prevents knowledge and opportunity for self-correction and apology. How can one do anything but grope ignorantly for knowledge and right action influenced by projection of oneself upon the other? Silent religious orders have their points. Like Primo Levi, however, I still believe that love is an endless interrogation, which is growth. The Australian focus on growth is limited to market trading. This leaves a lot of life out, discussed later.

In 2019 the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry report discussed brokers and many other service matters. The Report set a federal direction relevant to states and buildings such as ours. This does not appear followed yet in our case and more broadly in NSW group housing management. I explore this in our Glebe and broader regional planning and development contexts from the ideal perspective of World Health Organization regional approaches to broader development direction. This is distinct from backing development in the interests of medical or related industry and professional models of operation because they are too partial to the members of their own associations, not the general public good of which the individual is a part. This is a call for personalised caring before personalised medicine.

Reserve Bank Governor, Philip Lowe, said at the AFR Business Summit (AFR 7.3.19, p. 43) that forty percent of the new dwellings built in NSW recently have been apartments, which tend to be more attractive to investors. His colleagues at the Reserve Bank appear to have a view of life that ignores the way in which construction costs may be increasingly allied and transferred to building maintenance costs and in related professional associations, so residents' wishes may become degraded or overlooked in the name of service. As I am over seventy the state should help me to die whenever I tire of life, for example. I never want to have health professionals dealing with my failing

body when I would much rather die fast and save a lot of money so it can be better spent. Surely some prisoners who elect to have themselves killed would do surrounding societies a big favour. Death is what existential freedom and responsibility are all about, as well as life, everlasting or not. As individuals we are all going to die and I personally demand more control over my own death, as women like me and our doctors fought for more control over our reproduction through the Pill.

The key social problem globally today, perhaps, is that families investing in market or government sources of action often present only self-interested and distorted versions of the global picture at best and politicians back them up. One may remember the Biaffran War in Nigeria over oil possession or read **Half of a Yellow Sun** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche. We should seek a better way with our children. This is the case for incentives for no more than two per man, following Chinese Communist Party policy. Chinese development and population policy saved the world from further family grief related to normal big and small business and peasant responses to scarce resources. The options normally sought by peasant families who are too big for the land to support in relative comfort are travel to apparently more congenial places and war with others considered intruders. The warfare economy starts with big powers; like the lie in the US Constitution which is that guns keep people safe rather than killing those weaker in greater numbers. Too few powers have an interest in taking these lies to task in a world which claims population safety as its primary goal. Any institution which claims to care about quality and safety faces a twisted world where the trade in guns is given paramount status. The entire system is based on the greedy lie of savage men.

Australians are the inheritors of the British feudal institutional estate we see laughing at itself today in debate over Brexit, discussed later. Oz became a comparatively caring fascist state in 1901 when states got together and planned population and industry support directions, leaving housing to related markets. Land, housing and insurance remain state regulatory matters today, which require better policy coordination with overarching health and planning matters at federal level. Hence this related personal consideration of my residence at No. 10 St James Court. Our block of 18 town houses with gardens, shares its perimeter walls, fences and trees with private and public group housing and church buildings on all sides, including St. James Church, manse and primary school in Glebe. Joint land, housing management and waste management matters are questioned in discussion with Dom, the local order preacher, later below and in files attached. In order to discuss any common concerns with neighbours one must find the relevant decision makers first, which appears to be a doomed venture most of the time. How, one also wonders, is the current Pope's **Encyclical on the Environment, Laudato Si**, being introduced? This is a call for more open contact.

See discussion attached of the epistemological break or schism in the Australian church and state related to the source, nature and limitations on knowledge, defined by the church and lawyers on one hand, compared with later, more practical, scientific and democratic forces on the other. Louise Milligan wrote about the tradition of B.A. Santamaria and George Pell in Oz life today versus us and St Francis in her great book **Cardinal: The Rise and Fall of George Pell**. Tom Keneally hints he might know Pell's final career direction. What can it be besides confession before death? Why not do it in public? Isn't this what democratic and learning morality are all about? Those who must make more informed judgments, which are all of us, need all the free help we can get. The fact of death and that people may choose it for themselves and others is typically avoided in housing and

other management discourse. This has major ramifications for Australian wellbeing. Death planning is intimately related to superannuation and other retirement planning and investment. Death should be inquired into in ways which are less driven by opportunities for professional advantage and which provide more opportunities for old people to die in more dignified ways when they want. We should not be forced to live as long as possible to provide more jobs.

Born in Qingdao in 1962, Shanghai artist Lui Dahong worked with international artistic and humorous relevance in the Sydney University exhibition in 2010 on the Chinese Cultural Revolution. This was dated 1966 to 1976 when Mao died and the country opened more to international markets and national US and other state forces. His picture, 'The Garden of Plenty' sets President Xi Jinping as prodigal son returned to Mao's embrace. Public order depends on the capacity to show absence of corruption and better state service to the diverse peoples in many lands. More open regional planning approaches should assist restructure of normal administrative practices in private and state sectors and in institutions such as universities. This is discussed later and attached in regard to strategic planning and personal choice and development in comparison with collegiate approaches to scholarship. Concepts of manpower and human capital should advance to better approaches to intellectual property treatment which allow those who wish to do so to provide theirs more freely in the public interest. This course may often be anathema to professional interests who wish to exploit their knowledge by keeping it secret to prevent others from evaluating it only after they have bought it. Then they have a narrow interest in its mysteries of their own professional making.

I prefer to think of us first as our own intellectual property, rather than human capital, presumably owned by someone else. We have been made this sharing way with children, like it or not. From this comparatively rich state view it is silly to view housing as all about market behaviour when it often is not. As sharing individuals, we buy and sell houses mainly with reference to the rites and breaches of our life's passage, of which financial business purposes are but part, let alone in housing. The regional planning approach is the natural one to take to land and housing construction and management with waste collection and treatment conducted in related industrial contexts. Household and construction waste collection and disposal and bins, trucks and foot traffic are discussed attached in response to an Easy and Transparent Trading Consultation Paper in the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation. This also addresses group housing. This is a system run to provide more jobs for service providers rather than to keep places clean.

The treatment of housing, including in aged care, is ideally planned to preserve and enhance the entire peoples' estate, rather than downgrade it. I stand as a friend of China in calling for regional planning and projects to be designed openly to prevent or reduce corruption. To identify corruption correctly one first has to understand what is going on in terms of expected steps by and for the most significant others in any joint ventures. In this process Australians need more help than we are getting. Open up the hidden markets which lie in the advance of common family relations, to preserve common estates. This matter is also about the ideal treatment of the person and their intellectual property in jointly groping towards truth in the public interest. This contrasts with collegiate and related operational models which may become like silos as laws unto themselves through their invisible connexions and pressures.

Raewyn Connell's recent book **'The Good University'** is reviewed in related contexts later to argue the regional planning model of development should take precedence over collegiate ones because its operation is likely to be more consistent with national, regional and personal interests. The reification of professional models of operation presents many invitations to hide from scrutiny. Without scrutiny, assisted by words and pictures, moving or not, how can anything be known? Lawyers, however, commence with the right to privacy, and the rest of the pack follow up. This often seems more like the ignorant law of savage men from which some technology may save us. After I saw and grasped what they were doing, Microsoft and Google search became my heroes. Communication technologies are addressed attached, however, to reflect Australian resident interests as well as what the individual consumer or the more knowledgeable provider may wish.

Gary Weaven, former chairman of IFM Investors delivered a speech entitled 'Taking Super Beyond Political Warfare', at the Banking and Wealth Summit, for the Australian Financial Review, (AFR 27.3.19, pp.27-28). In this speech, he claims the recent Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry *just represented one more challenge and one more opportunity to advance our story*. How will this happen in group housing management? Weaven pointed out that from the outset, industry superannuation funds for the purpose of retirement savings were constructed to avoid commissions to financial planners or other sales agents in spite of the fact that such commissions were clearly effective in driving market share. They were obviously also a corrupting source of conflict as well as a significant cost avoided to industry superannuation fund members. The comparatively stable and good investment performance of the industry superannuation fund model has been on public view since the early 1990s. On the other hand, as a result of the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services industry, banks are lending people less money more slowly and refusing more people who ask them for a loan. This is the environment where housing investment by Australian superannuation and other funds are being considered. This calls for openly shared regional plans. The recent housing development and extension of parkland at the Harold Park site in Glebe superficially looks great for everybody as a result of wide and public consultations undertaken early. This is contrasted with land grabs for bigger building in the Sydney Botanic Gardens discussed later.

Since the 1980s Australia has become a welfare state for its total population. Is there a downside? I address the Royal Commission into aged care quality and safety in related contexts where in my experience, wherever men bring up safety it is often to fund their industrial and political party purposes. This became clearer to me as a property owner at St for James Court when I retired from work at Sydney University in 2007 and witnessed some of apparent results of the Global Financial Crisis in 2008. In the retrospect of old age, I see my views when young as mainly naïve because I never suspected men of as much poker-faced lying as I now see they did and still encourage today. If one pursues the narrower allegiance under broader regional banners, is one a knave or fool? From comparatively sophisticated global views this may be the age of the Joker we had to have. The role is to challenge the ways of lawyers and their secret client associations as questionable and costly. Historical ways of Christian legal professional services are challenged in shared regional contexts.

Boris Johnson, for example, explains his *'One Nation Tory approach'*, with an interesting comment on the British National Health Service (NHS), before later calling his Labour opponent a *'semi-Marxist, anti-Semitism condoning apologist for the Kremlin'* in an article entitled **'Tories need to believe in Britain to unleash wave of investment'** (AFR 2.4.19, p.39). He says Britons should be immensely proud of the work of the NHS cancer service at every level as their achievement in reducing the incidence of breast cancer by 17% since 2010 is the biggest fall for any major European country. I guess **diagnosis**, as distinct from **death**, may decline if fewer people in any particular population are routinely tested and diagnostically labelled less often. Spending more of our lives at the doctors and having more tests in the absence of disturbing symptoms is asking for trouble and expense, especially as we age in my perhaps unpopular view. In mental health care, the distinction between legal and illegal drugs should be questioned as possibly harmful displacement. The right of old people to be helped to die when they choose is addressed in related contexts later and attached. This right is vitally important to me as an individual and to the society as a moral principle of choice.

The issue of the ideal personal responsibility for one's death as well as one's life must also be addressed in housing. In my view, the duty of care to another should not try to make them live as long as possible against their own apparent wishes. We allow soldiers to go to kill and main themselves in the army, for example. The least I feel entitled to at 72 is that the state should believe and help me die when I want. The planning, funding, construction, management and maintenance of group housing is ideally discussed in related regional development contexts in which the key stakeholders are all Australians. The historical start is with the biggest service providers who work behind the scenes. Their State, private and other community housing plans are addressed later.

An AFR editorial recently described Gary Weaven as *'one of the original ACTU architects of the industry fund movement'* which sees a bigger corporatist version of the Hawke-era accord in which big government, big business, big unions and big super direct broader capital flow and investment into nation building projects, including the commercialisation of research and urban development among other industry sectors like agriculture and health care (AFR 29.3.19 p.38). This may describe a state still captured by big sectional industrial interests, whether this was intended by men like Gary Weaven or not. Like many Australians, I stand firmly on the side of trees and vegetation against acres of concrete and car congestion for reasons addressed later below in regard to ripping up the Botanic Gardens so men can build the giant air-conditioned stuff they like so much. Never mind, these guys could be gearing up for war again instead? Why would these old guys ever move on?

Women follow men in health care by assisting the medical model diagnosis and treatment of life. Unlike the World Health Organization (WHO) holistic view of health, this starts and ends life in the individual's body with key remedies in drugs or surgery. I have never questioned the necessity for childhood vaccinations and always had regular check-ups for vaginal and breast cancer as an adult. However, when I retired from work in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Sydney University, I found myself flooded with invitations to have a large range of my bodily organs tested for various diseases as a regular and sensible course of action, and as if there would be no unintended consequences of any such diagnostic testing. In my view this is nuts and I stress that nothing would tempt me to take any supposedly diagnostic tests in the absence of any of the apparently relevant lifestyle risks and symptoms. Is it that having over-diagnosed prostate cancer, bowel cancer is next, for example? I

have acquired my huge fear of the specialist supposedly preventative diagnosis only in later life, especially when confronted with a range of Asian youth who appear to conceive of me as some innately dopey intransigent grandma, interfering with their bosses' goal of giving me the lot. Once they have made the diagnosis, today one fears being disabled for life as they become our heroes. The history of the introduction of Medicare and its growth have downsides. Don't get caught up.

Brokerage and insurance arrangements may appear to be unfair, unnecessary costs according to much of the press commentary on the Royal Commission into Misconduct in Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry report (Dec. 1919). How are the findings of this or any other Royal Commission to be implemented for the future course in group housing construction and management, for example? We have recently signed an agreement with Whelans Property Group, who are our new strata managers for St James Court. It states, among other things, that the owners' corporation agrees that it will indemnify the agent against legal suit. However, the non-actions or actions of unknown or unresponsive absentee landlords may be what one usually needs to fear most as a resident, whether one is an owner or renter. Nevertheless, I seldom see more insurance as the answer to anyone's problems as the money sucked up in premium and claims handling costs are big and regular, but the personal pay-outs are usually small or non-existent, after the calamitous event. The benefits may often also go to the richer or more sophisticated litigants.

The Western lawyer is unlikely to point to the idiocy of expensive feudal roots binding him and even her. In the article "China to shed light on shadow banking" in the Australian Financial Review (AFR 7.7.17 p. 20), UBS economist Donna Quock is quoted to point out Chinese government owns the biggest lenders (banks) and borrowers (corporates) which means they have an outsized influence over debtors and creditors in the system. More than 95% of the debt is locally financed (rather than funded by flighty offshore lenders) and through the banking system. Domestic savings are very high, mostly as deposits in banks. And last, policy makers continue to control the movement of money in and out of the country, reducing the risk of capital flight. This is the regional and related context which must usually be addressed in the light of the normal US assumptions and trading relation we grew up with in Australia as a result of copying earlier UK practices, whether we know this or not. Since China has come so far so fast since 1950, search for more mutually beneficial opening up which values preservation of natural and heritage environments more than was possible before. I greatly fear the alternative development trajectories as creating comparative deserts for our living.

The political concern for market 'growth' requires an equal concern for quality of life in the wider community, with everyone included in the count. This is a different planning approach to any population and to the individuals making it up than appears available in any discussion of housing policy in Australian professional circles. Global and regional demographic approaches appear distinct from any professional approaches which address only those entering trading relations as financial investors, employers, employees, other small traders or related families of consumers. One often notes the single person may tick many or all of the above boxes. However, the perception of housing driven by markets appears the only professional approach that currently seems available. This is likely to make housing construction and property or small business management and maintenance more expensive, not cheaper, as discussed attached. Whether that appears good or not, often depends what one does for a living. Rents in housing and retail business go up fastest? Multitudes of sectional closed approaches require more open mutual treatment to avoid further corruption of the lot in the pursuit of the professional rather than the public and individual interest.

The World Health Organization land development view reflected in Australian health care provision may lead with the planning of housing and related population education and work opportunities.

Weaven makes clear where some of us hope to be going with investing superannuation into land and housing development, against the odds like Bill Shorten and yesterday's men. The National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) and those working in group housing management and maintenance or construction also spring to mind as examples of the latter. Their key institutions are addressed as examples of the problems and costs that residents face, whether they are renters or self-funded retirees and owners of two shared properties without mortgages, as I am, or not. On the St James Court owners' strata committee, for example, if we were on the board of a gold mine, instead of on a strata committee as outright or part owner residents of an inner-city group of 18 town houses, our views would not be as uninformed and ignored as they are by those with power to dictate our housing states. Why are we resident property owners on committees working for free for off-piste investors? Should we women whose work is treated like invisible dirt demand a cut of strata levies? No as it just makes the problem of uneven development globally and locally worse. Try opening up the books and plans round the plot to see what we should be doing instead and then do it better.

This is essentially a discussion of corruption in which the public openly discuss what is good or bad for some reason related to the public interest, of which the individual and their housing, are part. This is surely the ideal of state election advertising and related political action to fit in with the lot. I would rather see this done by those who know more than lawyers. To put the legally bound resolution of all issues in the feudally bound hands of lawyers is crazy. Consider Aboriginal land rights. Frankly, you may pay a mint to get yourselves fucked up further but a lot more expensively. The treatment of by-laws in shared housing is increasingly to be feared under the legal push. (The City of Sydney by-law on Noise, however, appears to be an intelligent working approach to people.)

Try Mao Zedong thought about key matters. You don't have to believe it here. Tell us why. He said:

"Only through the practice of the people, that is, through experience, can we verify whether a policy is correct or wrong and determine to what extent it is correct or wrong.....Therefore, before any action is taken, we must explain the policy, which we have formulated in the light of the given circumstances, to Party members and to the masses.....If we actually forget the Party's general line and general policy, then we shall be blind, half-baked, muddle headed revolutionaries, and when we carry out a specific line for work and a specific policy, we shall lose our bearings and vacillate now to the left and now to the right, and the work will suffer."

I learned that at the knees of the Department of Industrial Relations and Employment and in WorkCover rehabilitation, insurance and fund management structures for a decade in NSW in the 1980s and beyond. Whither Party and its association now? If I am bitter as well as content in old age, it is partly as I only came to study state and local government and small business management late in life, on the St James plot. After I retired in 2007, I saw the global financial crisis and its aftermath. As I also travelled, read, watched TV and stayed at home instead of going to paid work elsewhere, I learned more about land and housing. I also write in support of European financial directions suggested by Joseph Stiglitz in '**The Euro and it's threats to the future of Europe**', Yanis

Varoufakis in **‘And the weak suffer what they must?’** and Thomas Picketty in **‘Why Save the Bankers?’** Picketty calls for a currency union based on broadly shared approaches to achieving low interest rates and more openly planned investments where they appear needed most. He notes a loss of monetary sovereignty with the Euro currency has not been compensated by access to mutualized public debt and a low and predictable interest rate. Yet waves of speculation on interest rates as well as currency rates can also have huge and devastating effects on public finances.

As Picketty notes, the growing influence of private fortunes in the National Peoples’ Congress of China is objectively worrying because of the potential for a Russian style evolution with mounting capital flight and a pillaging of the country from the outside, by oligarchs comfortably ensconced overseas. The problem is a good part of the political elite of China doesn’t have much to gain from transparency on wealth, from progressive taxation or the rule of law (p. 184). Land and housing investment, as well as its related wealth and income treatment, may be better addressed for us in consideration of related Australian superannuation planning, delivery and investment services. Sectional members or families’ goals appear invisible whether our goals may or may not be money. Open operations should not be wasted in social media and fake news designed to disrupt order.

Related addresses to the Public Hearing into Disability Service Providers held by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse are attached. The concepts of duty of care and management of risks to health, safety and peace are ideally addressed in regional, historical and related community, institutional and personal contexts, rather than abrogated to an increasing range of jealously guarded and suspect professional scales. Sydney University, its colleges and other lands are addressed in related regional examples.

In the article entitled *‘The internet needs new rules. Let’s start in these four areas’*, (AFR 1.4.19 p. 11) Mark Zuckerberg recommends the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation. That appeared reasonable to me when I was considering privacy protections of individuals in relation to health care at the Faculty of Health Sciences at Sydney University. The strength of the MyHealth approach to record keeping is that it ties the record of all treatment to the particular person to provide a more trustworthy personal history for all concerned than is available today. The record is open to the person, who can also call for its correction. The weakness of the MyHealth diagnostic approach is it may medicalise and treat common problems of life and death, to avoid facing them, to make more money for medical forces under the rubric of legislated delivery of so-called public services. Related problems of big and small business parties and their historic family connexions are addressed later. Thank God Australia has not had to develop as far or as fast as China after WWII. This is also due to the population and industrial policies of 1900 that democracy has now outgrown.

DISABILITY IS A MOVEABLE FEAST DEPENDING ON WHETHER WE CAN AFFORD TO NOTICE IT

The Disability Action Plan of the City of Sydney Council 2017-2021 claimed one in five of us have a disability, mental or otherwise. It claims: *what this statistic reveals is that disability is part of the human experience, that if a person isn’t suffering from a disability now, chances are they will be at*

some point in their lives and will experience some form of disability or lived experience of a mental health issue or be a carer. I am not convinced life is best lived through a prism of personal disability looking for a medical fix. Let us look around in more inclusive regional approaches where we also don't ever have to return to God's direction if we don't want. Fitness comes before sport, for best population and personal results, for example. From this view gardening, dancing or other fitness exercises are best seen as part of the broad and general recreation, rather than being dominated by male ball game elites. Gardening Australia has long been a great flagship ABC TV teaching program, for example. Use it.

The Australian Labor Party (ALP) discussion of ALP wages direction is addressed in related contexts later to point out that what is good for the construction industry is not necessarily good for the country, whatever those engaged in the breadth of the businesses involving mining, roads, cars and other manufacturing may tell you. Productivity is a blunt force concept like manpower and human capital. See treatment of intellectual property as one of our historical advances where we are condemned to be free to choose from what is on offer. The alternative is to run the same ruler over the lot rather than accept the variation. One the other hand, one always sees the point of a basic, reliable, broad spine of services; rather than increasingly global markets in increasingly fierce races to service bottoms. One only has to look at noxious US food consumption patterns to see where bottoms may lie.

In the global or local context, the goal of developing higher levels of productivity refers insufficiently to the fact that productivity estimates should be divided by the number of people in the total population to give a better idea of how well the market economy serves people. This provides more realistic estimates of their quality of life in global markets. The productivity goal currently ignores all free work provided in child rearing, including in the family business and many ways it may be engaged. Productivity may also have little relevance to improving the public quality of life or service if the activity ends in cycles of private or state stimulated boom turning into war, and/or recession, as is regular, for example. This is a common historical problem, also related to global degradation of land, water and air quality in many ways and to the Cold War mentality alluded to as problematic by President Xi. One addresses unequal global development in this context to recommend regional planning and related fund and project management strategies which have been already addressed and driven weakly since the 1980s by governments and big businesses in Australia. Go to Europe for advice because they are the heart of centuries of feudal privilege and have learned more painfully and forcefully for far longer than us. The grasp of many Australians rests more on US trade alliances.

The attention to achieving low and stable interest rates to help people buy homes should be matched by attention to the costs of group housing maintenance and the rising costs of business rental in most retail markets of any kind. There appear to be strong incentives for big trade unions in mining, manufacturing, construction, road and rail transport and energy, for example, to work with their smaller mainly private sector brethren in small business, to feather the nests of all providers. This is done before they consider the particular consumer, let alone the public interest, if they know it and how or whether they can afford to deliver it or not. This is the same global financial trajectory that continues until some stop paying their debts and others go under.

Labor Party leader, Bill Shorten, stated in his article *Labor's plan to lift wages through cooperation and consensus*, at the Australian Financial Review (AFR) Business Summit (AFR 7.3.19, p. 44) that Labor will have an accord with the Australian people. This requires more discussion and action which is more open and so increasingly better informed and adjusted in the service of all in the region, however each may vary in regard to their status and belief. If Greens are concerned about enhancing native vegetation for example, they must also be concerned about many of the same feral pests as farmers because all may compete for the same ground. It is the same with people. It would be equally silly, for example, for state, federal and local politicians of different stripes to ignore a common region. The alternative is to see more specialised administrative activities drive ignorance.

Shorten said, in regard to jobs and incomes growth, ***'Simply put, the system is failing for those who need it most – people who work in funded (sic.) services, people who have little or no bargaining power, people who work at the end of the supply chain'***. This appears increasingly likely to be so for anybody living in group housing whether they own the property outright, or as renters. A home is a person's greatest asset and necessity whether they are an owner or renter. Neither higher wages nor more jobs in the same areas with outdated occupational rather than regional approaches to culture, appear likely to help enough. They may be part of the quality of life problems many feel. See discussion on this attached and also in regard to the **Art Gallery of New South Wales Expansion** and the **Sydney Modern Project**. This is written firstly in defence of the Sydney Botanic Gardens and related green space while questioning the 6-Star Green Star design of the building encroachment.

Shorten claims 'the greatest threat to common employers are those competitors who seek to extract the lowest wages, inflict the worst of conditions and start the race to the bottom'. Is he demonising family business here, where free family labour and connexions are the backbone of success? In policy terms, China has grasped that fair and expansive public policy today depends on one man producing only two children as the norm throughout his life, however many sexual partners he may have and no matter how many wives, in whatever sequences. A basic grasp of maths may avoid the kind of market chaos never predicted here today by those most enmeshed in party or professional mystique. (Barnaby Joyce and his wife should have stopped after two kids, for example and then he should have had a vasectomy. Was this a sado-masochistic couple? It looks a lot like it to me.)

Guys like Bill Shorten have spent their lives looking at one side of the picture in the market. They are congenitally formed not to see the rest as it would disturb their theoretical and industrial operations. See related discussions attached about group housing and waste management at the regional, industrial and personal level in response to the Easy and Transparent Trading Consultation Paper in the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation in NSW. Long story short, these guys have worked this way for so long they wouldn't have a clue. There appears little or no desire to understand the regional public interest in better administrative practice which is conducted on a regional basis, rather than according to industrial interests. Green and Labor party housing development and corruption agendas exist in this context.

Gary Weaven, however, gives the perfect lecture. (I always fall hard for a man on a podium. I confess I am an intellectual groupie from the cradle to the grave. I assume he writes and types all this himself as well as doing the numbers and he isn't just reading his wife's work, unacknowledged.)

I hope to do more than straighten up his corporate ties, and not just tie a weekend hippie headband round his neck. This is the crew that brings masses of concrete from and for the top end of town along with roads and cars. They are part of the crappy higher education and research culture they get. Being a grandma and so a natural lobbyist, I willingly inform you freely! I'm sorry if these views are not learned or experienced enough for you but that is because so many of those who may be in the know make virtues out of remaining dumb or acting as liars in services partial to providers.

In his lecture to the AFR Banking and Wealth Summit, Weaven describes the historic roots of superannuation fund development and concludes: *More generally I would say that the No.1 challenge for democratic states worldwide is to shift politics towards the achievement of longer-term agreed public outcomes and away from the personal prejudices and ambitions of politicians. This is a task that requires a concerted effort across capital markets, business, the media and political leaders and themselves.* Too right. Great job. I agree. This goes not just for politicians but for all men, starting with lawyers. The management of NSW rubbish (waste) and housing still linger in the 1950s as far as I can see. To keep adding jobs to the current lot may easily become more dysfunctional for everyone, especially if those jobs appear further up and earlier in the invisible contracted chains of required participants necessary to achieving any goals for the consumer, shared with the public or not. One may feel increasingly like a victim of Dr Sseus's Cat in the Hat with cats A to Z eventually produced from the top of his head for the final problem resolution which should not originally exist.

In any group housing and in nursing homes in particular, we may appear to be moving in a general business direction where rising business costs and risks, driven particularly by insurance and legal premium ticket clippers and associations, may increasingly pass on costs to those living on the plot or family members. This must surely be discussed in relation to findings of the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry report (Dec. 1919). Fairies don't just wave their wands to implement these recommendations for the future course.

As a member of a Glebe strata plan, therefore, I also have burning questions for Gary when he states that in the mid-eighties: *Thousands of individual corporate schemes controlled by employers and/or the life companies were displaced by industry-wide, multi-employer schemes controlled by representative trustee boards.* I want to know: **How does group housing construction and management fit into that process?** I ask as a member of the owners' corporation of a strata plan discussed attached. My second question is: **'Have you any related thoughts on treatment of intellectual property?** It should be given freely, like mother's milk, to be most democratic, don't you think? Surely this would also help ensure its increasing quality, as in the case of Wikipedia?

As I wrote to the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse attached, an increasing number of us may reasonably think of ourselves as like health care providers or social workers or clients - sick or disabled or well; paid or unpaid. Our stability is ideally not cast aside lightly into an invisible market place, which may ruin us in time. Belief, trust and respect are like love in that they can never be effectively commanded and can only be sought for reasons. One cannot simply conjure up belief or trust in anybody. However, their views, however unusual, are ideally taken into our account and treated with the respect of an attempted understanding. I only saw George Pell once in person. At

the event he told a stranger, a lesbian whom he had never clapped eyes on before, that she wasn't in love, she only thought she was. How the hell would he know that about her and her partner? This is a prime example of the authoritarian frame of mind which belongs to an earlier, ignorant era.

The global financial crisis in 2008 probably convinced many, especially in the media, that more openly grounded and regional approaches to more democratic or fair and sustainable advance are necessary. This is to avoid comparative financial ignorance and corruption otherwise destined to increase global inequality and environment destruction. Related discussion relevant to the **Inquiry into the Competitive Neutrality of the National Broadcasters** is attached. This considers how the national broadcasters operate in modern media contexts and if the ways they compete with the private sector are appropriate.

See related lobbying below or on www.Carolodonnell.com.au . If you can get stuff easily for free why pay for it? if you are expected to be acting in the public interest, more operational openness is everything. We like lack of guile a lot. More of you guys should develop some more of the courage of your supposed convictions. I approach the St James Catholic Church member of the Order of Preachers, university teachers and others later below, attached and at www.Carolodonnell.com.au

Cheers

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SECOND SUBMISSION

This current submission is about the governing principles of group housing in Australia, including for the aged or young who 'live at home' (whatever that means in economic terms); or who enter some form of heavily state subsidized and regulated care.

The issue raised attached from my position as a 72 year old member of a strata management committee, surrounded by other rapidly ageing people, is that group housing of any kind appears subject to increasing risks in international rentier markets which appear driven by information technology developments such as those discussed in regard to the owners' corporation relationship with the Macquarie Bank, our strata manager, government and related interests. This may leave old or young people open to higher levels of risk in relation to their stable housing than they have ever faced before. Government should be more aware than it appears to be of the problems raised by current expectations of the strata manager and related agents.

See related discussion with local representatives and others attached on the role of information technology in bringing more direct democracy to us. On the other hand, we appear increasingly to be given incentives for further disability as well as being forced to live longer by professional expectations. I remain far from convinced that the medical model of development which is driving and its related commercial imperatives go together well in housing. These, however, appear comparatively new topics for us all, resulting from major changes in the expectations of free parental support by women and children and the development of a cradle to grave welfare net which has occurred for all Australian residents since the 1980s. I speak against waste and corruption.

Cheers and see below and attached for a start. Carol O'Donnell, St James
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