

Dear Save the Children Australia (also other charities, etc. for information)

## **WE MUST WATCH MANAGEMENT IN THE OPEN TO LEARN AND JUDGE**

I wrote the response later below to your Supporter Survey before I had gone to your website to find that on 4.12.11 Kevin Rudd, Minister for Foreign Affairs, announced the Children of Uruzgan four year multi-million dollar program to bring basic health care and education to all districts of the Afghanistan province. Tom White and his team of Afghan staff will build 20 new schools and train dozens of girls to become school teachers. Five new health centres will train 50 midwives as well as educate over 200 health workers. How are his staff and related subcontractors chosen and best managed? These are difficult questions to answer even in Glebe, which is a comparatively straightforward. (*Money is the root of all evil?*)

My first guess, based mainly on TV news coverage of private mansion construction with aid money in Afghanistan, supported by advice from a past student of mine, also from Afghanistan, is that the above aims may not be how the average man in Afghanistan or its environs, rich or poor, would like all the above money now in Uruzgan to be spent. Is this even just a little bit true? For, example is it true of just one man near Tom White or his team? Can you vouch for all the people who work for you? How do you do it? (*We Marxist feminist risk managers say, 'In God we trust, all others bring good data'.*)

What are you going to do to prevent or to deal with any corruption of your program aims and other unintended consequences of their pursuit? What approaches will you apply to managing which particular risks? Who is bearing those risks? How are they managed?

You are not our God or father! We need management in the open to have trust in it. The Victorian Government is currently discussing removal of regulatory barriers to Islamic finance. I will send this commentary to the Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission after considering its full report in coming weeks. We should all work more openly to gain better direction. The alternative holds all better development back.

Anyone wishing to feel confident in donating to Save the Children needs to see open and honest management. This is also a chance for public education via your website, in preparation for any related resolution of disputes, which may arise in the course of any coordinated environmental action via media and other work to improve the general and particular health, education and related skills development in Uruzgan province.

Trouble often starts at margins, as we say in the insurance business. Openness and clear attempts at sharing fairly are the best protections in our experience, delivered firmly but also with flexibility when necessary, which is ideally also openly recorded and justified from many related cultural perspectives thinking, studying, working or acting together. *That last bit was not so much joking as finding the meaning of life, with Monty Python. Baby, let's laugh at Christians together – it worked for the Jews. (The Antichrist speaks)*

See the letter to Malalai Joya, activist, former Afghanistan MP and champion of women's rights attached which claims that clear, open regional development *aims, directions* and *accounting* systems are the best protections against corruption and all related disturbances of good order. People need honest news media or are intellectually lost and manipulated whatever the pretensions to democratic development. Your website ideally seeks to begin this process of educating ourselves and others together in a more practical management process where we all learn more of each others' truths as we go along.

God knows we all need it. See more below and attached on [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au)  
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### **AFTER THATCHER COMETH THE ANTIPODEAN ANTICHRIST (A SENSIBLE RESPONSE TO ANOTHER DOPEY QUESTIONNAIRE)**

I refer to your supporter survey, which I have filled in and will return by post, after comments below and attached. It reminded me that I am no longer a supporter of your organization as I have given it no money. In fact, I have been a drain on your resources, or a provider of aid related jobs as a recipient of aid related information (whichever way you choose to look at it) for a long time – perhaps since 30.6.06? You know better than I. Why are you asking me these questions? What are you doing about the answers? Discussion of global direction in which our parts are ideally fitted is below and attached.

I retired from work in 2007. The global financial crisis occurred in 2008, which made me sharply realize I must take better care of my money if I do not wish to be dependant upon the Australian taxpayer after the next time the global financial, legal and related garbage which drive us all, further destroys my capacity to plan my financial situation in old age. As I have not given you any money in recent years, along with a large range of other institutions like the fifty on the list you provide, I feel I owe you an explanation. Here it is. (*Jesus and Mary, a real reply, what a surprise, what shall we do with it?*)

I first wonder why Care and ActionAid are not on your list of the big fifty. I wish a similar letter to this could easily be sent to them and all the other organizations which send me requests for support which you and I are still ignoring. Among many more whose details we have forgotten, I mainly recall, UNHCR, Hoc Mai Foundation, House with no Steps, Access Industries, Wheelchair Sports, Catholics with housing lotteries, fire fighters, surf lifesavers, emergency services etc. How could I forget Sydney University – Freudian slip?

I have not paid income tax since 2008. Tax returns indicate I used to donate around \$3000 per year to a variety of organizations. In 2011, for reasons which primarily relate to disenchantment with aid organizations because of the related growing number of aid requests, and because of my general contempt for the driving financial, legal and related operations led in the US, I now give regularly only to Bush Heritage Australia, World Vision and Greenpeace, to a total of \$1321 per annum. I seldom give other organisations any support as I fear being followed up by the organization which successfully begged it, on TV, by mail, in the street or by phone.

The reasons I did not ask to be taken off your books were laziness and because I assumed the government will give you money if it thinks I remain your supporter. I also never know how to respond to organizations which send me a large amount of information by mail. I read a lot as I am retired and have time. I also support the post office as a trusted social and financial service which is normally and ideally in strong demand, even if it is not profitable from some short sighted, blinkered, commercial market logic, which lacks any broader regional management perspectives or more objective communication.

It would be stupid to lose post offices, especially in rural areas where the kind of banks that people may trust are also under threat. More retail outlets of other kinds simply add to the problem of over-production in areas where there is already over-consumption, e.g. food, drugs, clothing, etc. Australia has many retail outlets that not enough people want, in areas where people may most need simple services they can trust, like the PO. The US trajectory pushes very far and hard in the opposite directions, to mine us more wholly through an increasing number of what can only be regarded as casino minds or fuckwits, as we call them in Australia, among other things. You'd be safer at home with the kids?

*(God knows Australians need protection. Many of those working in top financial and legal services appear nasty, lying, cunts. Either that or they're just dumb or ignorant? How do you tell them apart? I can't. Are some giving you money? Gee, isn't that nice?)*

Today I am intellectually and emotionally strongly committed to protection of the natural environment and endangered species. However, this commitment is unlikely to encourage me to make more than my current charitable contributions. In situations like mine, newsletter contact by email is probably most cost-effective for the organization, as long as it is clearly presented and easily read. Greenpeace newsletter design is superb I think. Some seem to think website print readability unimportant. It matters to readers. I have never forgotten the amazing ABC TV documentary about how the French secret service blew up the Rainbow Warrior either. They never covered their tracks. She wore a bikini. Pity about the dead bloke – we all should see and discuss it again. (I'd like it.)

Throughout life natural environments have always given me my greatest pleasure when I have travelled to see them and their historic and cultural components. In old age I also love to watch related nature programs on TV. It also pains me to see the natural world so stripped when its protection is ideally the priority, so as to set up better land, housing and related fund management than the rubbish lot now producing wall to wall crap on US TV. (Apologies to the PBS News Hour gang – obviously not them, who we all should watch.)

This was the world on my birthday. In New Hampshire, where voters are famous for caring what's going on, Mitt Romney, Republican presidential hopeful either likes firing people or letting voters get rid of insurance companies that won't deliver - whichever you prefer. Another Republican candidate deplures 'getting rich off failure and sticking it to someone else'. It was pointed out that in the first year of 'Obama care', during the 2009 recession, huge numbers of jobs and health insurance coverage were lost, far fewer health care services were provided but premiums rose 3%, higher than inflation. As Gwen and

Judy wondered together, how will such developments go down in the South? God knows but it seems so far better than a poke in the eye with a burnt stick, as we say in Sydney.

Texans, courts and others are fighting about whether to discriminate against 'incumbents' or Latinos when setting electoral boundaries. Like an updated replay of The Money or the Box, US forces are discussing Iran having a choice between virtual or real bombs. Things look better in Europe, where pundits debate if Merkel and Sarkozy are truly so close or merely pretending, with little in common besides a capacity to suck oxygen from the room to screw everyone else. A Dutch commentator, being of a more sensible race, pointed out Germany and France are ideally made for each other, like two wheels of a bike and one cannot have a bike with just one wheel and a seat.

*(Yoo hoo Troy Baby, You can sniff our triple bottom line but not our Sydney seat. You can leave the hat on. Do you fancy some Moneyball direction? Seek out Trevor from the Perth jazz persons. Tell him we were in Nashville together, passing through on a trip.)*

In July 2010, I joined Bush Heritage Australia for \$40 per month when a young German woman approached me in the street. I will continue with this. I have been a Greenpeace supporter for as long as I can recall and they take their membership fees (\$150 p.a.) out my bank account. I have supported a World Vision child for many years. In 2011 this cost \$691. I have some doubts about this, as discussed later in regard to Equador. I also know the Catholic view of birth control is one which often ensures that poor women, who usually have no choice in matters of reproduction, are highly likely to remain poorest, with the poorest results also likely for their many children and the natural environment.

If those of us who want to be killed when we are old to avoid burdening others could do so, the poor could make money out of our bodies, which would also be useful instead of a drain on our kids and any related financial potential for endangered species protection. As usual, some Catholics appear intent on denial and keeping the rest of us back. As we all age and medical research goes on, enforced misery of life and cost will go up. This is not what I want. There is no freedom of choice and policy is dysfunctional. My older brother, who lived in Los Angeles, had Parkinson's disease. He had a gun so shot himself in the head. He was not able to kill himself so was taken to hospital where he eventually died and the family got the bill. These dominant US values make me sick.

From regional planning perspectives, we are drowning in questionnaires of questionable utility, as I pointed out to the Macquarie University sender of a long survey asking what I think of high density development in Sydney, and to similar organizations. Numbers which look like science to the uninitiated - nearly all of us - may easily be garbage. To the rational person, whether higher density development is acceptable or not surely must depend on the project, the site and its related environs. There seem few other sensible ways to discuss it. For example, I fought against freeways knocking down housing in Glebe; in favour of higher development in return for green public space at Harold Park; and against the construction of a 3 storey boarding house in a poor spot in St James Lane. Today I want higher density mainly in return for more green space and more low cost

housing. However, the latter is unlikely to happen, I guess, except for social security recipients. Those working but struggling are likely to be squeezed out for many reasons.

*(Catholic priests and others who live around the corner may usefully contribute to these development debates, which I see as about the ideal nature of relationships between feudal, modern and related democratic institutions and practices going forward. I will start by asking them to help us sort out the rubbish problem on our Glebe joint block where we may also learn more about urban land management and related insurances.)*

Between 2008 and 2011 I adopted and finally abandoned a baby orang-utan, as it seemed stupid for me to keep sending Australian dollars to the UK to support them in shipping me photos of what had looked to me like one of a few remaining endangered animals in a diminishing concentration camp of Borneo jungle, near a war cemetery surrounded by huge and expanding palm oil plantations. See how incredibly fat many US kids are as a result? This is not a cultural trajectory I aspire to. I assume many aid organizations, like universities, lawyers, financial institutions and their mates prop it up, intentionally or not.

Baby, Leon Panetta US Defence Secretary is now giving you all a New Big Chance in the South Pacific. Don't bomb it. The fighting force will be 'agile, flexible and ready for the full range of contingency and threat' with Asian and other partners. *Picture Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, water, and see new direction soon on [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au)*

*Which side are you on? Bugger the direction I'll do blind 'risk management' and the only way is up? If so then die soon. You are nasty and stupid and we don't want to play with you. We want Marlon and Geoffrey on PBS TV - the man that he would most liked to have been, perhaps. Baby, why don't you call me crazy, lock me up at home and feed me legal drugs? As Thatcher could never say, 'You toucha my circuits, I breaka you face'. (Sorry.)*

World Vision took the last child I was supporting, with no reason given. I emailed to ask why and was eventually told it was because the child in Sri Lanka was Buddhist so was now being supported by another organization. My current World Vision child in Ecuador has sent me a Christian Christmas card. I had pointed out a couple of years earlier that I am neither Christian nor an observer of Christmas, when his older brother wrote me a Xmas letter. I tried to explain he should not have had to bother to write to me, as my meagre aid is given only as so much government is atrocious. I do not seek closer personal relations, especially if the other feels forced. Under the circumstances the current Christmas card seems a waste of money. However, this view of mine probably appears meanly based on narrowly founded and probably ignorant assumptions which could be seen as unkind to address further. What do I know? (I am a bit of a Buddhist.)

I joined Australian Volunteers Abroad and spent two years as a teacher in Northern Nigeria in the early 1970s and I have changed my mind about what is worthwhile personal action many times since then. For example, I joined then left the Communist Party of Australia. I decided that my expectations of the Whitlam government era were stupid. I repeatedly tried for a few years to join the Australian Labor Party although they

would not admit me. I learned many new and increasing reasons to hate lawyers because of the essentially feudal, pre-scientific and costly paradigm they apply in all areas of life. I served on the executive of a tertiary trade union I later attacked - all while remaining a self-described Marxist feminist of deepening conviction - as I still call myself today.

*If that does not sound a consistent record, have you wondered if you have dementia? An old Australian woman's history like mine may naturally be an opposing product of what Thatcher faced and tried to deal with, as shown in the film depiction of an English mind, leader, and era. What an amazing movie tour de force - five stars many Oscars – (Lilith the Magic Pudding, Chief Alternative to Faith and Queen of the Monkeys. I am a Chimera and some have said other things besides, after reaching agreement.)*

After the turbulent lessons of the Whitlam Labor government, Australian governments, trade unions and businesses gained better managed direction, which Britain lost in part because of more traditional approaches to class and related key conflicts. In Britain, an earlier wages accord had been tried and failed in part because more national health care was provided much earlier in Britain than in Australia, with related huge new expenses for government which got harder to meet. In Australia, wage pressures were controlled by more rationally directed power sharing and through related development of non-profit industry based superannuation funds, which should now be invested in greener futures. Industry funds appear to be developing comparatively sensibly for financial products. Christ knows there's a lot more to do. One always hopes they don't lose track. The Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission final report of its inquiry into regulatory impediments in the financial services sector (2011) focuses first on barriers to Islamic finance. Such issues should be handled more openly than in the Whitlam era.

However, I wonder about many historical events depicted in the recent film which shows Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan apparently living the American Dream together. *With hindsight, was he the only one pretending? Superficially, it seems that anybody who went to war over the Falkland Islands should have been shot. Surely anybody with a telephone and a brain should have been able to avoid that to establish better world orders? Your mother could have done it with some sensible joint discussion around a strong cup of tea and a napkin? What the fuck was that all about, as they say in the classics. Remember Pearl Harbour and let's go to war? You've got to be kidding. What particular brand of ideological purity and broader social interest was that pursuing?*

Today, many estate management and related public, charitable and private investment directions clearly require more openly informed consideration and action in their related regional contexts for greener futures. We should all try to understand much more of the related issues together and try to demonstrate this openly on TV. (*Gee, Baby what a new idea. Let's call it ordinary speech?*) For example, I want to know if Thatcher called for the unpopular poll tax in the absence of apparently more relevant and more historically informed discussions of land and related estate and tax planning.

See discussion attached in response to 'Mirabella in hot seat over QC lover's dying days' in the Sydney Morning Herald. This raises many questions which can no longer be

ignored now a few women have separately recognised identities from men and money thanks to contraception, education, paid work and all their brand new related possibilities. In Australia many have moved over time from abusing Chinese for breeding like rabbits and coveting Australian land, to stating that the one child policy is a horrific denial of human rights. *(If Australians were your friends such hypocrisy would make you sick? Why is so much managed by girls called Sunrise in Nepal? I can guess the answer?)*

*We are at St James Court in Glebe, while the St James Catholic Church and its organs are round the corner. We should also start related discussions about waste on the basis that 'where there's muck there's brass', as they used to say in England. We know little about how our surrounding household waste is managed except it appears done by many shadowy men from many different organizations. In spite of this, we still appear to be living in something like a branch of the local tip in dead end Rosebank Street, which also appears named ironically, either by men or by God. Is anything else bad going on?*

*Our situation seems symptomatic of many issues I bet are also touched upon elsewhere, maybe more forcefully at night. I bet we could learn from studying the Japanese, Italians and many others. Our rubbish is often inexplicably travelling rubbish. For example, a large plastic wishing well with a potentially electrically glowing white ball at its centre stayed for a while at Christmas, then moved on. Why does so much diverse rubbish come and stay with us for a while, where does it go when it moves and who moves it? I've no idea. To manage anything well, including rubbish, one needs to know what is going on. I have tried for ages and cannot find out. At least I feel safe doing so. (Baby, that's trust?)*

From existentialist and materialist perspectives, many questions in your survey make no sense and my ill informed responses cannot be taken seriously either. For example, ask not whether I **think** yours is a trustworthy charity as that is seriously beside the point. US residents led by 'experts' **thought** they had good investments. 'Experts' lied to them or shut up while ripping them off. Macquarie Bank, for example, ran prime time TV advertisements every night about their great investment expertise for over a year before the sudden 2008 crash. Macquarie Bank is also the key supporter of the aid arm of Intrepid travel group. Top Macquarie executives appear likely to repeat the mass lies and deceptions that occurred before the last financial crisis (2008), while ripping off huge pots of money for their top brotherhoods as usual, whatever happens to the long mug tail. This seems increasingly done while using charitable and religious banners as side shields. *(What do they do with Bob Carr and why did he work for them? Was it just for money?)*

An ignorant person, such as I, is not in any position to make comparatively rational decisions about the capacity of your management or that of the other 50 similar bodies you name. Do you plan together? Question 34 asks 'If Save the Children Australia worked with a retail or service partner, what type of benefit would you prefer to see:

- A discount to you at time of purchase
- A portion of the purchase amount donated to Save the Children'

How anybody who donates money to anything could answer such a vague question in a sensible way is beyond me. In the real world, I assume nobody is driven purely by price

at the counter. Your question assumes we are. Simplicity and reliability of operation are often key product needs for me. What are you talking about? Why not be more open?

One often questions questionnaires as they appear to have greatly increased and become increasingly unhelpful since computers have encouraged so many more to be sent out with the process being called good work, consultation or research. Encouraging more open and analytical approaches to commercial and other questions and disputes would be more efficient, clear and helpful in many cases. Fund management is discussed in the attached, following UN and related national direction, which opposes many of the nastier feudal forces and their US mates. Ideally we should avoid dysfunctional bargaining, tipping or providing charity as these practices often support secrecy and thus ignorance, corruption, and other feudal injustices and inefficiencies. We need planned development partnerships which may be more openly coordinated and pursued to protect and enhance the social heritage and its related natural environment. Teach clearly on TV, radio, etc.

Systemic charitable expectations also provide many opportunities for corruption which may also pose as support for family or related civic loyalties. See the movie *Charlie Wilson's War* for another example of this kind of lie, on which the US dream appears centrally to be built in many dysfunctional ways. Yet with help from their friends in law, academia etc. the natural tendency is for the US to direct Australians in their image.

*This is the way morons do business? – with all direction provided by pursuit of money and in the dark or with opposing lawyers endlessly spouting expensive drivel when we can talk sense to each other for free. Jesus, Baby, some of us are even prepared to write stuff down even when we have no fixed idea and will then write later on why we changed our minds after finding out more about it. How sick is that - bran nu idea for lawyers?*

In recent years I have greatly admired the young women I have met who bravely took upon themselves the major task of fund raising and supporting huge numbers of Nepalese children in 'Sunrise' orphanages and elsewhere, at an age when other young women often ponder if they can afford to bear a single child of their own. I also wonder how many old female academics have lost huge sums of money in aid and development ventures similar to that undertaken by a former colleague, the circumstances of which she naturally prefers not to discuss, although it involved farm purchase. No doubt people everywhere do things with mixed results. I should not judge or belittle apparently well intentioned and sensible village development choices, which seemed well thought out and well managed for years, and then suddenly led to an extremely unfortunate single event.

I only made tiny contributions in Nepal. Inquiring into such issues seems little or no help to anyone. Still, one always wonders, how many old Western women in particular may be robbed via aid. No idea? From this perspective the issue is not how good YOUR organization is. Let the buyer beware is not a view Save the Children should support.

My early perceptions of youth, that we women mainly appear comparatively naïvely exploitable, has grown rather than dimmed in old age. In general, my understanding and hatred of our related feudal legal and financial paradigms and their representatives have



increased so that in recent years even the aid related end of the spectrum tends to look less attractive, except as a means to open management systems to broader planning and scrutiny in the public interest. This is discussed mainly in the attached article 'Towards better directed management of investments, defence and sexual approaches to improve quality of life' (IWD file). I recommended to Malcolm Turnbull, Tanya Plibersek and others that they take the opportunity to advance many more open and rationally planned management directions with Bill and Melinda Gates while they were still in Sydney.

In this context I refer to President Obama's speech (6.1.12) which promises budget reductions in defence spending of \$500 billion over the next ten years. This is also where the new 'agile, flexible and ready for the full range of contingencies and threats' forces come in, ideally working with Asians and others of all regions. On the 20<sup>th</sup> century evidence, what one may judge as defence spending, others surveying the actions may see mainly as spending upon key supporters, so as to gain more money and jobs for them, leading to periodic mass murder of civilians by many soldiers passing through or over.

See the related discussion attached on local and global direction sent to Malalai Joya, activist, former MP and champion of women's rights, after her highly illuminating talk 'Afghanistan Ten Years On' at Sydney Uni. (7.9.2011). I also sent it to UN Permanent Missions of Afghanistan, Pakistan and to representatives of other regions. An attached submission to the Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission argues Australia should take regional management and related organizational planning directions shown in the film *Moneyball*. In the late 1980s, this was the corporate planning approach in the NSW public service, until lawyers, American friends, academics, etc. killed it, as usual.

My response to your conventional and polite questionnaire seems rude and even smug, again. Maybe I should be nicer and more encouraging or not return it? – each to his own, everybody is different, who am I to judge, etc. etc. etc. Perhaps like some of my former colleagues at Sydney Uni. you think I may suffer from depression, which I denied, or some other nasty mental problem like dementia and would benefit from a psychiatrist. You might think this even more strongly if we were face to face. (*Do you like writing? It's a new thing, especially for you? Don't worry as I've seen lots of lawyers like that.*)

Have a go at wheeling in invasive baseline medical tests like last time and treat me with legal drugs on workers' compensation and/or the related taxpayers' account? Three quotes, free information and fixing one's problems may be expected only from peons. Insurance companies, lawyers, wives and families, etc. always donate a little back. We should try to sort a few more of these inconsistencies out. You be the polite one. I could never face the emotional demands of the role, although gee, I love nothing better than watching class perform – one of many reasons I also fell in love with Nixon Apple.

*(Yoo, hoo, Nixon. Remember me? Unravelling all this crap is just beginning. I have read the AFR carefully every day for years. When you told me long ago you thought it disgusting that a woman in my place didn't, I came to believe you – thousands wouldn't. Why do your Carol singers perform 'You've got to know when to hold'em' at Xmas on TV and why did you and Marion both run away from me. That wasn't very nice at Xmas.)*

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