

## IT MAY BE YOUR WASTE BUT IT'S ALL JUST RUBBISH TO ME

### AN EASY AND TRANSPARENT TRADING CONSULTATION PAPER RESPONSE

*Licence my roving hands and let them go.* (John Donne, 1633)

*It was described as madness by many and it's difficult to describe it any other way.*  
(Malcolm Turnbull, 2018)

Too right. See the updated regional approach at [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au), especially under the Heritage Way side-bar, under the heading Art and Life. Take a global approach to the local with a logical concern in inner city Sydney for building up its cultural capital by first preserving its threatened lands and species which are the unique Australian tourist interest.

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### **Think globally and act openly locally without the normal professional and party blinkers**

This submission to the **Easy and Transparent Trading Consultation Paper in the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation in NSW** comments on:

- updating uncollected goods regulation;
- creating a central data portal on traders and licensees.

This is done partly to show that repealing redundant statutes is only as effective as any shared regional understanding and commitment to govern for Australia as a whole, rather than under state Constitutions and any particular and sectional public or private interest. During the 1980s, government introduced freedom of information approaches which have been strongly resisted by lawyers and their related professional interest groups ever since.

**This submission argues the regional need for a central data portal on key land and property owners. Managers are needed to improve all their evidence-based trading on a particular ground, shared or not. A regional approach necessitates more open regional planning and related private sector opening up. This was pioneered in Medicare and free to air ABC and SBS media. This is naturally about extending these pioneering approaches.**

Perfect information makes a perfect market, they tell us. Where I grew up in Queensland in the 1950s you could talk to anybody you liked without having to be introduced. Our East Londoner parents sneered at old fashioned ways with gloves, etc, harking back to old pre-war days in Britain, as they saw it. Today one addresses land and building management, plus the guys normal desire for secrecy and brotherhood silences, if not outright support, which has long been entrenched in Oz. In Glebe management one sees the effects of old legal and party controls on markets. Regional and place-based management approaches are recommended instead of many closed service markets, using brotherly links with lawyers.

**Are your land and building managers working well for you and the rest today?**

At St James Court one seeks to answer this question first in regard to the treatment of rubbish and related housing management matters, for example. War and terrorism prevention and police treatment are considered next in related historical contexts to gain healthier places, albeit often based on diverse cultural attitudes to wellbeing. Global university reach and operations are addressed in our related regional contexts of operation later and attached. Key Australian medical and other health care leaders, and regional free to air broadcasters are treated as nationally leading services, often battling along slowly. One then returns to smaller St James Court and Glebe key problems, often affecting other neighbourhood housing, trees and fences. This is while pointing to Karl Wilson on Stephen Fitzgerald, the first Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. His great article is p.8 in **China Daily China Watch**, in the **Sydney Morning Herald**, August, 2018. Read it cobber.

When trying to conceptualise writing, action and data gathering in regional and place-based ways in which more flexible operations should be allowed, one may jettison the normal professional blinkers. The Chinese already worked this out long ago. One may learn from the grounded reality unless the normal service providers keep stringing us along. Strata balance sheets appear to be a good place-based record, but one wonders about other housing. Try crossing the river feeling the stones. You will have to find them. This is a tip.

This is also a more open regional, place and person based historical approach to the local, regional and national land than usual, to say the least. The normal professionally driven view is topped by lawyers or lesser brotherhoods, whose support is silently got from the lot in market forces, of which the sharpest edge are always men with guns. Keep them away from cops because the more guns cops have, the more cops will get killed. The stand John Howard took against guns after the Port Arthur massacre changed my attitude to him overnight because this is the key matter to keep the rest of us safe from men who love guns.

Rapid change in Australian government leaders may be explained by the shared professional and government view that it takes a brother to control a brother. Oz did teachers with Gillard. With the Lindt Café Siege we must now address cops. Dutton is a dill. Try a lawyer and feel sick at heart. Do you think I want to vote for Bill Shorten? No. I certainly don't.

This is a first response to the NSW Government public consultation on a range of possible reforms designed to empower consumers and small businesses in NSW by facilitating easy and transparent trading. As a member of the owners' committee living in strata housing I focus locally on better management of rubbish and housing to bring savings and better quality of life to related residents and property owners in this state, locally and nationally.

**I take the example of poor handling of rubbish in shared and public spaces first and then open up to more democratic and scientific administrative advance with natural communities of interest. (If we know the place or person, try us?)**

I take this stand largely as a resident of Inner Sydney, which is always awash with students, tourists, workers and others passing through for a short time. Yet others may be property owners, living on or off the plots they rent out. Alternatively, our local residents may be renters, supposedly living under government or real estate or other supervision of their place, or not. We are a comparatively mixed lot, which should be more of a strength.

Thus, as a Glebe resident since 1975, often living for years in a comparative sea of other people's uncollected rubbish and the related joint management problems which spring from any historical development and decay, one is most concerned about your following matters:

- updating uncollected goods regulation;
- creating a central data portal on traders and licensees. **(Why not property owners and building managers?)**

If you go around repealing statutes it is best to know why you are doing so. This idea may be unfamiliar to any who see orders, secret operations and brotherhood loyalty as tops. Take the stinking crowd that got rid of massively popular PM Kevin Rudd, for example.

I saw this problem in the NSW Department of Industrial Relations and Employment and in NSW WorkCover Authority fund and fund management formation after passage of the NSW Occupational Health and Safety Act in 1983. Later legislation requiring health and rehabilitation treatment replaced the old Workers Compensation Act and Court. The old insurance model fuelled insurer competition on premium prices which in turn fuelled costs, international underwriting cycles and business collapses. Risk was poorly addressed, with high insurance, brokerage and court costs to all schemes before a collapse. It delayed and addressed returns to injured workers badly. Everybody picked up the tab for insurers that periodically went broke. The lessons learned nationally in health services and health fund management are ideally extended to national security and policing treatment. Jails are full of disabled people and it may be impossible to distinguish between mental disability, personality disorder, drug influence, and more criminal or civil offence. All are moving cultural feasts, depending on any time, place and community. Open this up because the advance of a US medico-legal diagnostic approach by lawyers is making everybody stupid.

The regional approach presented here may be part of any natural multicultural place and person-based transition to more scientific, as distinct from feudal approaches to management of Australia and the land, property and people within and outside it. In ***Opening Up: The View from Down Under***, Karl Wilson interviews Stephen Fitzgerald, former first ambassador to the People's Republic of China, appointed in 1973. He first went there with Opposition Leader, Gough Whitlam in 1971 before Whitlam was elected to Labor government in 1973. After pointing to China's incredibly fast-growing strengths in science and technology since Mao died in 1976 at the end of the 10 year Cultural Revolution, Fitzgerald is quoted stating China's opening to the international markets should not be seen just in purely economic or political terms. It should be seen as an opening of the mind.

However, to employ science and technology well in the service of the people anywhere one needs more cultural capital globally and locally. Baby, try art history, reading and writing. When the ALP got rid of Kevin Rudd and put in Julia Gillard I knew I'd hate what was coming; more fucking lawyers. Every time a male high school teacher is accused of a lot of sexual harassment by a lot of teenage girls, how many lawyers do you think are involved today? Is this the kind of way you like to see your taxes spent? Change from hands on to hands off, but with numbers, may have older teachers confused. No worries – either way you get plenty of lawyers and their controlling feudal court. Let managers manage. Open it up.

Scientific approaches should often relate to particular grounds, like Glebe. Spiritual grounds are addressed later and attached with common studious reference to the Lindt Café Siege in 2014. This followed the 1978 Hilton bombing in Sydney, in which the Ananda Marga were implicated in leaving a bomb in a rubbish bin. It exploded and killed three people. Police services are addressed in international, national and local service contexts. I guess this appears long overdue to British commentators considering Deborah Snow's great study **Inside the Lindt Café Siege**. This is addressed later. The lesser matter of sexual harassment is discussed in related and inclusive regional and person-based health terms attached.

### **Rubbish matters in Glebe and the need to know who owns and/or manages any place**

Rubbish left on streets is a common type of **uncollected goods**. Rubbish left on balconies, verandas or in units or garages when the occupants have departed is a sub-set of this wider rubbish collection problem for residents. Owners and managers living off the plot may not know or care about the relevant rubbish or other management problems that may be there.

I tried to register online at the free Waste and Recycling Expo at Darling Harbour, for example, only to find that as I wasn't a business I couldn't do so. The service provider groups run housing and government often tries to pretend they don't exist. This pushes any joint concerns towards the courts for resolution by people who know even less about the problems, because they don't know the plot and are hostage to the lawyers' perceptions. The common genuflection to the lawyers keeps all better designed accountabilities at bay.

To the extent that a lot appears controlled by service providers, in league with state government or not, one sees the greatest need and savings as being related to knowing who owns any particular property. Some of these may stand empty for years, decaying, for example. This seems a policy failure in many cases. (I am one living in Glebe since 1975.)

Everything often appears to be run behind closed doors in the service providers' collective interests, based upon some legal prescription seized upon for the moment by the strata manager. Frankly, the members of a strata owners' committee are designed to be left in the dark and fed bullshit rather than act as any kind of board with the strata manager as CEO; with the capacity for open trading with neighbours in our mutual regional interest. This is despite a clear and well-designed balance sheet and income and expenditure statement.

### **The persons, the rubbish and how they may be handled in a particular place like Glebe**

When I discuss rubbish, I mean anything dropped onto the streets, particularly when green bins (provided and emptied by City of Sydney Council or not) are emptied or split and without lids. This top layer of rubbish blows around and is also added to by other things people leave behind as they traverse the streets while also eating, drinking and smoking; throwing wrappers anywhere they like. This is particularly bad by the bus-stop along Glebe Point Road by the side of Foley Park, for example, as there are no bins for people to put their coffee cartons and other rubbish in. They get on a bus or walk off and leave it behind.

I guess this lack of bins along streets like Glebe Point Road and elsewhere is because rubbish is always collected by men in large trucks, which cannot easily stop without holding up big

traffic lines. Rubbish may be spilt. **If there were more public bins with what is dropped handled from the kerb or park side, rather than the road, rubbish would be avoided.**

At St James Court we live in a cul de sac with a pre-school and a primary school nearby. I have particularly come to hate shiny metallic Arnott's Tiny Teddy wrappers. When bins are emptied or when such rubbish is dropped at other times, wind blows them everywhere.

When I discuss rubbish here, however, I also mean much bigger stuff left behind by tenants which cleaners may also find and throw out on the streets with their cleaning goods, or not, whatever the case may be. One thinks here of cupboards, mattresses, sofas, toys or other old or broken household goods, building materials and packaging. Tenants may also leave this stuff behind in an apartment or garage or balcony, for others to clean up after them.

Cleaners, perhaps (?), appear commonly to do so by tipping the rubbish out on other streets and leaving it there. If a passer-by rings Council, a truck will come and pick it up. However, I do not consider myself this little alley's rubbish lady and the place is awash with bad rubbish management practices partly because of the huge numbers of students, tourists and workers passing through this suburb, and remaining or not. Either that or they may be old or otherwise disabled and unable to deal with rubbish or to care about it by ringing Council.

Later proposals focus on driving efficient markets, supporting economic growth and creating opportunities for innovation related to keeping the place we live in clean, like they do in Japan. God knows how they keep Japan, the packaging junkie of the world, so incredibly clean, apart from the locals being taught to pick up the sort of rubbish those passing through Sydney drop on the pavements, in the gutters, and leave in parks or orphan spaces.

***To direct any speech or take any other action, we often need more information about who the managers and owners of any property are. (Rubbish control is one issue of many.)***

***When problems arise related to shared land or to related neighbourhood property, people need to know who is responsible for managing the property or properties involved. The preference often appears to be to direct all matters also secretly, towards court instead. This is stupid because the parties must then rely secretly on lawyers who have little or no knowledge of the particular plot on any fleeting, let alone ongoing or intelligently informed basis. They rely on their bizarrely feudal and adversarial interpretations of the incomprehensible legal word in many cases. The police naturally follow brotherhood suit.***

Many boundary and orphan spaces often appear poorly managed because nobody appears to know who is responsible for general road or cul-de-sac concerns; ***like particular building owners or managers needing to get more bins to replace the old ones which have been there split and without lids for years. When people overfill these bins, the rubbish blows around in the street, for example. How do you fix this stuff up? God alone knows?***

Many of the building managers and owners sharing the same broader grounds are unknown. This appears so whether they are in government, or own in private large building, strata or other operations. Data about the management of a housing entity is ideally kept better to deal with many problems of public order. Rubbish accumulation is a related issue.

Thus, there are many common problems people living in strata plan or other buildings in crowded multicultural areas of Sydney must often face together or personally hide from, especially as a result of living in government, private or other buildings **where the building managers and property owners may both appear unknown in and outside government. This makes effective and broadly rational consideration of problems for those living on or near a potentially developed or troubled spot hard or impossible.**

This has many implications for public order so police should be consulted about ways forward. I guess they report to the Premier under State Constitutions which have become a major hindrance to national trading, including in relation to any kind of people. Deborah Snow's new book '**Inside the Lindt Café Siege**' may be addressed in related local, state and national contexts, for example. I went to her book launch at Gleebooks last week and thoroughly recommend her eye-opening inquiry which shows that whether you might call Mon Haron Monis a mentally ill man, or a terrorist or not, his criminality can hardly be denied here. Also see Rachael Landers great book '**Who Bombed the Hilton?**' on earlier events in Sydney where a bomb planted in a rubbish bin killed three people. This kicked Amnesty into greater action with a Cold War Mentality view that Western rules are right, supported with Western lawyers' attitudes to where wellbeing comes from. The US, right? (These people are nuts awash with secrets, guns and lawyers. Stay safe and stay honest.)

**My Health Record needs to be followed by My Criminal and Security Recording as distinctions between medical diagnosis and related criminal treatment or alleged civil abuse matters may be hard to make. This is discussed attached in regard to sexual harassment anywhere, including in paid work and at home or in the streets, for example. If there is rape in marriage can there be sexual harassment too? I bet a lawyer thinks so.**

On a lot of lots, I blame state government legislation controlled by lawyers' feudal loathing of clearer and more open evidence bases and solutions. Lean on more broadly open and knowledgeable study of the particular ground. The Australian **MyHealth Record** necessarily ties all the evidence about a person's health from birth to death, to their particular body, wherever they travel throughout the nation. This is to avoid treatment risk, waste, cost and corruption of many kinds. Do not let the US market and institutional influence wreck our healthier, more reliable, cheaper national understanding, which includes us all individually.

American values are nuts because they remain based on the Constitutional supremacy of the market in guns, while maintaining that this improves, rather than degrades the national health and safety. This is a defence of the Australian regional approach to data exemplified in good health care rather than in good management of any land and housing or policing.

Rubbish accumulating in the streets and orphan spaces of Glebe are addressed in related regional and particular place contexts later. Try more picking up rubbish by foot. This is discussed later at the local level with recommendations. Trading, however may be national and international, with many different kinds of people in many places. I turn to this again.

Deborah Snow's book **Siege Inside the Lindt Café**, clearly shows the urgent need for a matching **MySecurity and Criminal** Record based on quality management principles, as they

are increasingly understood in health service and other portfolios, as well as exemplified in free to air ABC and SBS broadcasting in plain English. How else is democratic science constructed? Curtis Cheng, the son of a man who was slain by a youth of fifteen who was seen as a Muslim terrorist writes in *'I have no yearning to ban Muslims'* in the Sydney Morning Herald (20.8.18, p.25) that he is *'tired of explaining that terrorism is a criminal and political phenomenon not a religious one'*. The political or criminal may wear a religious cloak we should know more about to understand its related causes of trouble, for example.

The strength of universities often lies in their global feudal roots as communities of scholars who are followed in learning. These communities are exemplified in their historically related religious and secular interests centred on books for learning, which also produced churchmen and lawyers as well as state administrators and related professional scholars. Prime Minister Turnbull established an expert panel to consider **'the intersections between the enjoyment of the freedom of religion and other human rights'**. A response is attached. It is noteworthy that police handling the Lindt Café Siege in Sydney appeared to rely only on a psychiatrist's assessment for their continuing inaction on initiating any communication with Islamic State inspired gunman, Mon Haron Monis. The psychiatrist knew nothing about this man or his possible beliefs at all before the siege happened. How crazy was that?

A related discussion of sexual harassment, a common local bother is attached. The more one learns and talks about a spot openly, as honestly as one can, the greater is the general and more nuanced understanding of the place and persons within it. The attached submission to the **national Inquiry into Sexual Harassment in Australian workplaces** deals with the terms of reference relating to **the current legal framework** with respect to sexual harassment and also with **drivers**, comparatively well-known or unknown, powerful or not. It is made in related contexts of Department of Communication and the Arts investigation to the **Inquiry into the Competitive Neutrality of the National Broadcasters**. This is to consider how the national broadcasters operate in modern media contexts and whether the ways they compete with the private sector are appropriate.

This submission to both inquiries is thus first made in the context of the ***application of competitive neutrality principles to the business and activities of the ABC and SBS including in operational decision making and risk management***. It also deals with the ***cost structures of business activities*** and recommends more openly coordinated regional service cooperation as discussed in files attached and starting with the regional construction and dissemination of books, pictures and their related filmed communications in land and housing situations. One speaks against the professionally closed and driven approaches. Public and private sector partnerships with the community are wasted in not opening up for related development and learning in better regional approaches to jobs addressed here.

Lawyers and police often can't recognize a scientific paradigm or open plain English as their ruling operations remain feudally closed in brotherhoods of interest steeped in language, orders and forms which are rooted in earlier times. These often cannot be challenged on any supposedly more rational grounds, consistent with the more effective use of funds in

the public interest. I was once a young female public servant astonished by the antics of the men around me. A basic principle of public service operation appears to be that it takes a big professional brother to restructure littler ones, although lawyers can always trump the lot. Lawyers and police do not conform to the quality management principles beloved of a welfare state as far as I can see, but believe in the brothers in arms principles instead. This is the main reason that I could see for the Australian electorate preferring Peter Dutton. Frankly he was as unelectable to me as Julia Gillard would have been. I voted Rudd for PM.

The regional approach to obtaining reliable data to address any risk to any people seems best based on the knowledge that all personal security may first be seen as a national and personal rather than state police matter. Effective integration and use of the knowledge bases of national and state security, police and health or other service groups appears increasingly vital to protect the public against many forms of crime besides terrorism. The example of Mon Haron Monis, however he is viewed, shows the public need for more broadly and better-informed service integration, which may also be better targeted.

Integral to development of this knowledge base is better recognition of a wider range of expert assistance to police than any psychiatrist can represent. This integrated security and police data-base is necessary to follow the MyHealth Record Medicare data initiative. This data collection tries to ensure that data on personal medical tests, procedures and pharmaceuticals for any particular Australian resident, is kept in an effective and reliable manner applicable to the person, to reduce risk to himself and to any surrounding others. This is also an aspect of developing more realistic and helpful notions of all accountability. For the modern woman used to wanting clean surroundings this often starts with rubbish.

The place looks increasingly like a tip if those supposedly taking away rubbish do the equivalent of throwing it over the fence; or if the action of taking it away fast when traffic is being held up means that a lot of rubbish that was once in a bin is spilled onto the road or pavement. Potential solutions to rubbish problems, based on my walking the streets often and often picking up rubbish to stick it in a near bin or to phone council to pick it up in extremis appear below. You wouldn't believe the amazing books I've found in gutters. **How It All Began** – The personal account of a West German urban guerrilla, with statements by Heinrich Boll and Daniel Cohn-Bendit, for example; Katherine Graham's autobiography and history of the Washington Post; and **In Quest: The poems of Xhou En Lai**. We have a well protected history in Oz and are innocents compared with many. We should openly grow up. We are idiots, Babe, it's a wonder that we still know how to breathe, as Dylan reminds us:

***TO FACILITATE EASY AND TRANSPARENT TRADING CREATE A CENTRAL DATA PORTAL ON STRATA AND OTHER PROPERTY MANAGERS AND THEIR PARTICULAR PROPERTY OWNERS (WITHOUT IT WE WORK IN THE DARK)***

***PAY ANY PEOPLE WHO PICK UP RUBBISH ON PAVEMENTS AND IN GUTTERS IN BULK, AS MOVING DOWN STREETS IN TRUCKS PICKING UP BINS OFTEN MEANS RUBBISH IS STREWN EVERYWHERE IN THE DIFFICULT PROCESS. TRAFFIC MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PICK UP.***

***THIS IN TURN MEANS THAT IN BUSY TRAFFIC AREAS THERE ARE FAR TOO FEW BINS. PEOPLE LIKE ME, WILLING TO PICK UP OTHERS' RUBBISH AND PUT IT IN A BIN IF IT'S REASONABLY CLEAN, ARE DISCOURAGED WHEN THERE IS NO BIN FOR AGES.***

***DON'T PAY FOR RUBBISH COLLECTION UNTIL THE RUBBISH ARRIVES AT THE DEPOT. PAY ANYONE WILLING TO COLLECT IT OFF THE STREETS, ALONGSIDE COUNCIL. NOW OUR COMMUNITY OPERATES AGAINST THE RUBBISH ODDS AS NOBODY APPEARS TO KNOW WHO MANAGES OR OWNS MANY BUILDINGS. I TURN TO DOM AROUND THE CORNER.***

We should be able to find out how to manage rubbish better in this suburb, among other things like land, buildings, trees and infrastructures. In an inner-city suburb like Glebe, where I have lived since the 1970s, a lot of other building is much older. The construction industry naturally prefers to tear down the lot and rebuild the lot.

However, most of us need better services, especially to repair the older and often historic buildings. In many historic inner-city suburbs, we have often lived in terrace housing as well as in related high or lower storey buildings for many years. These may also have unknown plumbing or related electrical or other decay related faults, taking up time and money to fix, outside the original quote, competitively got. Such continuing problems may not be trivial to us or tradesmen. Trees are addressed in related ignorant contexts later, as are our milder strata problems addressing our trees, walls and plumbing shared with neighbours. See related discussions on strata issues in the **Wabi Sabi Living** file attached.

I would be grateful for anything you can do to fix this direction up before I tire of living. Call me suicidal if you like but as I'm older than 70 I know I should be allowed to do what I like in such matters and should be helped to transport myself to sunnier climes in the sky, perhaps. (I might ask Brother Dom around the corner about these matters if I see him again soon.)

Cheers

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**MORE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STARTS WITH OPENLY PICKING UP OTHERS' RUBBISH**

**AN INNER SYDNEY RESIDENT'S VIEW OF THE AWRESOME WASTE AND RECYCLING EXPO**  
Held at Darling Harbour, Sydney, August 2018

Bingo, Bango, Bongo, they don't wanna leave the Congo. Just keep me out of Asia in Glebe.

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As I finished my response later below entitled *'It may be your waste but it's all just rubbish to me*, to the **NSW government Easy and Transparent Trading Consultation Paper**, I was thrilled to see a notice for the **Awesome Waste and Recycling Expo** in the Fairfax press. I

have read the Fairfax press religiously since 1975 in addition to watching ABC and SBS TV news. This is mainly where I get my daily knowledge quota. I am an independently funded retiree who has lived in Glebe in Inner Sydney since 1975. Before retiring in 2007 from a decade working at Sydney Uni. in the Faculty of Health Sciences, I was employed in NSW public service. On retirement I travelled more often and compared services as a tourist.

I have always valued living in Glebe very highly because of the close waterfront and related park location; the comparatively great public transport availability; the new and second-hand bookshops and the many related high-brown multicultural and artistic events which naturally go with numerous universities, galleries and similar cultural institutions close to this location. I mainly have hated the bit about living in rubbish and I've done so since 1975. Strangely, it has got better recently, but I'm old and have seen that kind of thing before.

In spite of my harangue about rubbish, housing and policing matters in Inner Sydney; mainly directed at very clear and informative people selling manufactured products and their maintenance systems; I congratulate all in the **Awesome Waste and Recycling Expo**.

Thus, I respond as a retired Glebe resident, townhouse owner and investor in a strata plan, with other family housing loan ventures. I have no business number. This was perhaps my first mistake as it meant I couldn't register for the **Awesome** event on-line. Luckily, I got help with this which was so secret they didn't even bother to tell me they had done it. I was still kept in the registration queue for so long I missed the opening **NSW EPA Response to China National Sword**. Jesus I was angry. What was that all about? - I asked myself. The Chinese Government appears to have lost the enviable clarity and brevity of **One Belt One Road**. Rubbish is like that. I guess it's what's thrown or jumps out of the train or truck.

This is a plea for far more parks, trees and open natural spaces than we appear ever likely to experience with the national construction industry superannuation fund; comparatively good for the major industry beneficiaries, albeit unfortunately lousy for the young and casual worker. This is discussed again later. It's a woman's world? Only when the boys are running it to keep you stupid and onside? If I was handing out awards I'd give one to Joni Mitchell as the poet of a new and broader struggle of the human mind. Welcome to the fucking female. How long can you keep it stupid?

Before **Awesome**, I was never given so much clear knowledge about how rubbish is expected to be handled by those in the state government or private sector, (other than as a tourist in the sewers of Paris). In this ignorant context of great praise for everything I saw at **Awesome**, and in our typical historical Sydney terms of nil reliable information systems about ours or more intelligent rubbish collections coming, I provide this comparatively open and honest feedback to you. **Awesome** delivered a wealth of information to any resident like me who has felt they have been struggling in a sea of other people's rubbish for years.

At **Awesome**, I was trying to find out more about why Inner Sydney, where I live, has been such a rubbish hell-hole for so many years, compared with Japan, the cleanliness and plastic packaging junkie of the world, for example. I guess having nuclear bombs dropped on your country concentrates the mind wonderfully on waste matters, even if it doesn't make any relevant men more forthcoming as a result. Fancy Japanese 'Western' toilets may provide

hours of pig ignorant speculation about how the construction and hotel industries operate with plumbers and electricians, for example. Making hi-tech. toilets surely can't be cheap.

This is my Glebe plea for a more rational approach to rubbish which is regionally rather than organizationally based. Demolition and construction surely lead the lot in rubbish in more ways than one. Unfortunately, I could not stop to listen to **Awesome** speakers, as I only had one day at the event due to my grandma duties on Thursday. I decided my time on Wednesday was better spent trying to understand machines and systems from the sales people who also gave me their cards and related information with relevant email addresses. That was great as I can now provide this feedback information, which I hope you find useful.

However, I would love to be able to access the key elements of the seminar program on-line in regard to both days. Can I? I missed it by needing to understand the practice rather than any theory which hasn't been working well for us for as far and as long as I can see in Glebe. I certainly hope the key seminar program proceedings are on relevant websites because Lord Mayor Clover Moore ensures this happens with City of Sydney events of this nature, as a matter of course. Do you? If not, then surely you should from now on, inviting free email comment back. (Jesus that would be a first for the private sector? – talk about threatening?)

In an Australian Financial Review article entitled 'Union funds offer to lend firms more' (AFR, 3.9.18, p1), industry superannuation fund supremo, Gary Weaven, states '*We don't need the government to come and sit with us and plan infrastructure and industry development and housing investment. We don't actually need it but believe it would be a good thing for Australia*'. On Asian performance this seems the only thing with any potential to stop Sydney being turned into the normal car plus smog and concrete jungle hell hole outside a few rich enclaves. Jesus, Baby, make one of them Glebe? (The game is rigged from top to bottom with lawyers in Australia, first brought up on feudal and then Cold War mentality. On the other hand, in my book, you're often better off with the devil you think you know.)

From this resident view, rubbish needs open regional management with fewer trucks on the road and a willingness to pay people to pick up rubbish on foot with a bag and litter picker; while providing information about larger dumping to other's trucks that will pick it up now. This reverses the normal industrial perspective; which is the bigger the machine the bigger the man. However, I mainly address the **Awesome Official Showguide** here, by questioning key management information in **Inside Waste** (Issue 85 August/September 2018), the official publication of the **Australian Waste Management Association (AWMAA)**.

I do so in an international, regional and local context of key interest to Australians and others in many places, globally and locally. In an article on '**closing the loop**' on construction and demolition waste, ASPRO Tayyab Maqsood at RMIT University's School of Property, Construction and Project Management cagily states that industry players are the key to success in 'closing the loop' with demolition and construction waste being currently estimated at 40% of the total haul. He welcomes any input others might have. Cop this lot.

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information approaches which have been strongly resisted by lawyers and many of their related state and professional interest groups ever since. To deal with any poor rubbish management or with any other building and health problems, you first have to be able to find the key people who are supposedly responsible for managing and owning a place apparently producing rubbish. I wish you all the best of British luck with that and answers. The Downer representative states that if others would like to work with private companies like Downer, ***'having a material that is fit for purpose is really the most critical thing to make sure of'***. I feel the same as a Glebe resident, perpetually awash in rubbish and trucks.

If a passer-by bothers to phone City of Sydney Council, trucks will normally arrive next day and pick up the ubiquitous renovation, cleaning and other old household materials often dumped in alleys, for example, by unknown people. Everybody blames Council about everything as they are the only poor bastards you can ever ring as a City resident in an effort to deal with many others' apparently filthy, irrational, ignorant, habits, from the common residential perspective. Tell Council that the days when everybody is expected to have a car to sort and drive their bigger rubbish somewhere are well and truly over. Catch up with this urban reality for Christ's sake. Limitations of too many rubbish trucks are addressed later.

I guess, however, that the bigger government and industry brothers know what they want already and that is more trucks. If your truck is too big to get through our narrower streets you can always smash the brick fence down and Council will come back around eighteen months later, and fix it up, if we are lucky to find someone to keep pushing to remember. No worries guys, it's all jobs for more invisible men in 'the industry' until some turn up.

Waste management is conducted regionally in many industries. **The AWMAA cannot represent a single industry.** To ignore this is to blind oneself to the need for a regional approach to rubbish collection which is better co-ordinated more openly by key industry players in any region. For this to occur, one needs to be able to find more players. We need more broadly open knowledge about specific land and building managers and owners. We need to be able to contact them and the fuckers need to make a response back. If all that fails, as it usually does, we may be encouraged to lawyer-up. Forget it. There is more in life than being kept expensively stupid by legal and commercial in confidence attitudes to us.

Anissa Levy, Acting Chair and CEO of **NSW Environment Protection Authority** appears the first to clearly explain that China's National Sword Policy now bans an estimated 1.25 million tonnes of recyclable material which was formerly sent from Australia to China each year for reprocessing. This led global commodity prices for these materials to decline sharply. This has also caused new concern and new interest in Australia and regions beyond.

In Glebe, which is awash with multicultural students, workers and tourists passing through comparatively briefly, there appear to be far too many big rubbish trucks holding up traffic while they proceed to their particularly appointed residential loads, ignoring any other overflowing bins along the way. I would love to know how many big trucks are expected to service around our short street, for example. I guess they come from God knows how many different private sector, state or church organisations besides the City of Sydney Council. There is a need for open regional approaches. What we have is stupid and isn't working.

The Waste and Recycling Expo was the first indication I have ever had that the resident has a right to know anything substantial about how waste is expected to be managed by **'Australia's waste and recycling industry' (sic.)**. There are many industries involved in waste and recycling. To see waste and recycling matters as the secret province of a single industry does key stakeholders (NSW residents and related service providers and investors) a major disservice through the application of blinkers. These blinkers screen out broader inconvenient truths, including key managers and workers' practices, known or not. These include throwing or trucking rubbish over fences or borders in secret, with the costs or benefits picked up by others. If traffic is banked up behind you in a rubbish truck, it's also likely you will drop a lot of rubbish emptying bins and be unable to wait around to pick it up.

I guess there are plenty of guys wanting to drive newer trucks or to have noisy machines and ear-muffs instead of brooms for some industrial reasons I can only vaguely imagine. Locally this often appears part of growing traffic congestion, rubbish and noise problems, rather than reducing them. The kind of rubbish supposedly put in household bins for truck collection is often recycled in streets at the supposed point of its collection. The related preference for having fewer bins on pavements in high traffic spots means horrible humans will continue to throw their personal garbage anywhere they like, or let their dog shit anywhere. For many years in Glebe I have longed to be some kind of State Rubbish Czar, to find out how such apparently irrational rubbish treatment systems can exist for so long.

Glebe has improved in street, park, orphan space and harbour cleanliness since 1975 but this suburb is a rapidly growing environment full of comparatively old and historic terrace housing. Much of this and other housing may often be government owned, beside constant newer, higher, building and increasing numbers of students, workers and tourists passing through. I pick up other people's clean rubbish as visual encouragement to others to do the same, but draw the line at dogshit. If you own a dog, I suggest you pick up others' dogshit, in solidarity with others who are dragging down your community of reputable dog owners. The world remembers France in 1968 when Parisians let their big dogs foul anywhere. Surely this should seem thoroughly revolting to us all today and it certainly did then too. Why not give up smoking? It's a filthy, stinking habit which causes fires in droughts.

The City of Sydney recently produced a report on waste which made them look good by failing to point out NSW rubbish was being increasingly trucked to Queensland tips. They may lie to outsiders as a matter of principal if forced to communicate, perhaps. The comparatively ignorant and powerless few with shinier government titles may float dumbly on top for a while, trying to make the place look good to get ahead. I've done it myself.

The industry approach, whatever it is, is likely to be mainly about secret brotherhoods protection and advancement rather than serving regional communities. This starts at the top with state government and its particular lawyers who think that by speaking only to each other and by keeping everybody else ignorant they are representing the interests of the NSW community. This is the top of the dumb mates' operations where abiding by the rules set up for your particular set of blinkers is how to get another dumb mate a job. Lawyers in political parties run the lot from the top so everybody is kept in the dark.

The CEO of **WMAA**, Gayle Sloan, agrees with me about the ignorance of government, (let alone Sydney residents), on the ways that industries such as hers operate. She states that:

*in my mind the industry has been hampered in Australia by the lack of government understanding of our industry, and ipso facto, the lack of market for our products.*

Too right. We have been pig-ignorant since the time of Jesus outside 'the industry', which naturally runs itself for its own convenience and that of its brothers. I speak as a woman who was so dispirited about living in a constant swirling rubbish cul-de-sac in Glebe, that in desperation in 2009 I finally went to Melbourne to see if I could get in to see anyone in Richard Pratt's Head Office. I couldn't get in and then he died. Rubbish is often like that.

A key need for better regional approaches to promote more easy and transparent trading, is for a central data portal on key land and property owners and managers established so government and anybody else can find out what is going on in any apparently questionable place. Real estate owners and managers are needed who are willing to work openly with others, to improve all their evidence-based trading on a particular ground, shared or not. A regional approach necessitates more open regional planning and related private sector opening up. This was pioneered in Medicare, workers compensation management and free to air ABC and SBS media. This is about extending these pioneering approaches along with those in industry superannuation which avoided business instability and stupid fees or costs, like brokerages, re-insurance, unnecessary and expensive disability or death insurances, etc. The trick, I guess, is going to be to avoid looking a horrible lot more like big Asian cities.

The CEO of WMAA, introduces a concept, also used by others in the WMAA publication, that she calls **circular thinking**. *So, what is circular?* she sensibly asks herself and decides it is:

*'The need to keep resources at the highest and best value for as long as possible. History has shown that industry cannot drive this change to circular economy.'*

I have no idea how her conclusion relates to anything done in health service portfolios, of which rubbish collection services must surely be seen as an integral part, according to any advanced services in welfare state and economy thinking, including manufacturing. There is a need to cut down the number of rubbish trucks in our streets as their unnecessary and unintended operations and outcomes are a huge part of the rubbish problem. They hold up traffic and will only service their own particular customer in any area, (if you are lucky.) If you think urban individuals without cars are going to bring many old electronic appliances to you for free, you are not thinking seriously about the kind of people living in Australia. (I guess its double time every time they especially open the shed at City of Sydney Council.)

Those already moving to **circular thinking**, which WMAA members and vitally linked others outside their organization (e.g. demolition and construction, trucks, housing management and renovation) may champion too, *'are generally doing so without much support or recognition'*, according to the WMAA CEO. I'm not in the least surprised. Many other poor bastards in government may be as clueless as residents, but at least they are paid for what they are supposed to be doing. Market forces aren't seen as invisible for nothing. This is why we may particularly fear the lot in Glebe. We don't want to be driven by their interests

and experience in high rise and concrete and by their lack of interest in tree cover, if it could all be concrete and a fence instead. Concrete has its place in protection, as I always admit. However, when one compares the average industry man's interest in security in comparison with gardens, for example, one always feels that many men are probably nastier than one thinks. (I take the Freudian approach, especially with US driven IT and related systems.)

The government approach to anything is ideally to deal in the interests of all the residents it represents, whether they voted for particular politicians in power, or not. Competition ideally occurs in broadly open, regionally informed, contexts of monitored service provision.

For good government the approach to rubbish is regional first. The regional services organization, which may naturally include manufactured goods, is ideally adapted to the regional resident need. In this model, residents are ideally kept informed rather than kept in the dark and fed bullshit convenient to the WMAA and its linked industrial brotherhoods. They start at the top with NSW lawyers who normally only refer to each other in secret and to their bigger clients. Manufacturing may drive which may also be increasingly irrelevant for the welfare of people in a global service economy dominated by product related IT.

For example, as an ignorant old grandma forced by law to buy and fit a baby capsule or child seat in a car, I would far rather know about and see models and related fitters approved by local council on-line; than end up purchasing and receiving some stupidly unfit product, as a result of misunderstanding what the competing internet sites offered. Manufacturing, however, is often the confidential driving force we've had since the steam engine, which is why we are up to our necks in IT whether we like what it's doing to retail operators or not.

The most apparently useful product I saw at **Awesome** was the comparatively old-fashioned approach of **Barry McMurdo's Littergrabber**, including **Litterpicker**, **Handiscoop**, **Handicart** and related **sharps disposal** products. Using them would seem a far more effective, employment intensive and cheaper Glebe practice than what is happening now. I bet many places in Sydney would benefit from having more people employed picking up litter on foot and being paid for what they collect and report.

If I was employed in a gig economy, for example, I'd rather pick up litter like this than do anything else. Young people are often idealistic and badly led by those out to fleece or use them poorly. Picking up rubbish seems a comparatively effective, easy, morally satisfying, financially unthreatening, flexible job that is ideally designed to supplement one's other financial support. It's a hobby I can personally recommend, especially for fat people. There is a big problem in pandering to societies that think picking up rubbish is not for them. As one who has always disliked traditional sports, I was very pleased to see some kids from Blackwattle Bay College had managed to get their teacher to allow them to pick up the rubbish along the Glebe foreshore instead of doing sport. These are people who deserve admiration starting out in a crucial field of life – picking up others shit instead of creating it.

Ideally, the regional approach any government may take to maintenance or further protection of a built or natural land environment starts with people in it and what they do. I don't know what any of you think **circular thinking** is or what it means for you. I understand the general requirements of evidence-based health care provision including the My-Health

Record approach to health services in regional contexts. Good cleaning services are ideally key pillars of regional health service provision. The health of the world owes more to the plumber than the neurological specialist. We appear increasingly reduced to expensive IT which entrenches old fashioned systems without seeing any need for their reorganization.

On the other hand, as a consumer I like to buy things that appear comparatively simple and reliable in ongoing practice, rather than wasting my time and money as a result of not understanding required steps in related maintenance processes at the start of business. At **Awresome**, the big pamphlet on **WASTE AID** which presents a 7step model process to work alongside Aboriginal communities to deliver waste solutions was the worst I saw. It refers to **CEA** as step 2. What the fuck is CEA and will anybody ever be bothered enough to ask? WMAA journalist, Jacqueline Ong, should also be professionally urged never to use terms like MRF, MSW and NIR without explaining the acronyms first. God alone knows?

If **Inside Waste** is run like a trade journal, we can beware of lawyer's quotes being used by strata or other likely housing managers to encourage plumbers and their brothers to go finding asbestos well buried in lucrative urban sites, while asbestos still blows around freely in the bush. As a superannuated retiree at home in Glebe in 2007, I learned more about the effects of the global financial crisis of 2008, which was substantially driven in US housing policy and related insurance and taxation treatments. At St James Court I saw and felt the effects of angry men of the kind Kevin Rudd was addressing when he introduced the school hall building program, etc. Yet they all appear to like us kept in the dark and fed bullshit. In this context I was thrilled to see so much intense willingness to communicate at **Awresome**.

The treatment of rubbish is intimately tied to the improvement of human health, as housing construction also is to human health and safety. The national or local headland, park or garden is expression of higher value in an environment where their benefits should be more available to all, not less so in future generations, as may be the increasingly fearful case.

Internationally, women care deeply about cleaning themselves, as babies shit all over us for a start and we like to live in nice healthy environments, ideally tuned to caring about what others around us are doing, especially if it seems particularly threatening to us financially. Concrete may be great in African and other deserts because it is better than sand, which people and animals shit in around the house. Little plastic bags of water which people trade while throwing the plastic away so that it litters the place can apparently be gathered by women, melted down and then mixed with sand to make concrete, which can then be swept. Voila the origins of the construction mentality in richer environments perhaps. On the other hand, in places like Singapore, one has often wondered why one is shivering in a giant air-conditioned building inhabited by a few Asian men in Northern European suits.

Finally, I fear the article '**Wasted Space: Expo tips to make you a hit**' doesn't create a good impression on anybody on the receiving end of rubbish who increasingly feels they are living in a tip where things are also much more easily knocked down than put up again. When first considering waste, cherchez the big construction and monster trucks industries as usual all over I guess. I also guess guys working in security know that trucks and leaf blowers go nicely with guns, earmuffs and concrete and that US security is likely to be followed on procurement. The Police Minister's negative views on police trips to FBI Conferences in

Washington are addressed in the Sydney Morning Herald (31.8.18 p. 3). Police matters are addressed in regional health and safety contexts below and on [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au) .

My view is that if people go to conferences for the good of the organization and its' key stakeholders, the Australian people, the least they can do is make a report and give an evaluation afterwards. I was well trained as a girl, comparatively speaking, and this is mine on your event, unpaid, aged 71. **Awresome** was necessary. Thank Christ I knew about it.

My sister plays a lot of Scrabble in old age but I find doing this more satisfying. See a broader state, national and international regional context below and attached.

Cheers, Carol O'Donnell, St James Court, 10/11 Rosebank St., Glebe, 2037.