

**SUBMISSION TO THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO TRADE UNION GOVERNANCE AND CORRUPTION AND TO THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM INQUIRY (PLUS RELATED DISCUSSION OF 'MENS RIGHTS')**

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This is my third submission to the Royal Commission (RC) into Trade Union Governance and Corruption which I make as a result of being drawn again to the RC website by some comments of the NSW Ombudsman. My earlier two submissions, which are again attached, were made as a result of a newspaper advertisement about the public hearing commencing 4<sup>th</sup> August 2013 and inviting individuals and organizations with information relevant to the hearing to contact the RC. It was the first I'd heard of it. I did so in that week. I note from the current RC website that the closing date for submissions is 20<sup>th</sup> August. This is a hasty response to RC Question 1 before going to Cambodia.

One naturally makes similar responses to the Financial System Inquiry (FSI) Interim Report. These matters are ideally treated in an openly connected fashion rather than in splendid isolation, especially in the light of the broad objects of the RC. The first of these is to establish an inquiry that **'relates to or is connected with the peace, order and good government of the Commonwealth and any public purpose or any power of the Commonwealth'**. The second is to make recommendations arising from the inquiry. One first recommended open national and regional strategic, cooperative and competitive approaches and abandonment of the Letters Patent. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, David Elliott, recently provided related information on the NSW community Building Partnership program in response to my email and also pointed out the potential for making larger unsolicited proposals via the website [www.nsw.gov.au/your-government/unsolicited-proposals](http://www.nsw.gov.au/your-government/unsolicited-proposals).

**This submission is also relevant to the following highlighted observations in the FSI Interim Report:**

*'The current disclosure regime produces complex and lengthy documents that often do not enhance consumer understanding of financial products and services, and impose significant costs on industry participants (p. xxxi). The regulatory perimeters could be re-examined in a number of areas to ensure each is targeted appropriately and can capture emerging risks (p. xxxiv). The retirement phase of superannuation is underdeveloped and does not meet the risk management needs of many retirees (p. xxxviii). There are regulatory and other policy impediments to developing income products with risk management features that could benefit retirees (p. xxxix). Coordination of Australia's international financial integration could be improved (p. xiv).*

**Start with plain language. Why stop at benefiting retirees? Abolish the Letters Patent and related feudally outdated approaches to regulation and adopt more openly planned regional and strategic approaches to wellbeing, as discussed below, attached and on [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au)**

The Senate Economics References Committee Inquiry into Australia's Innovation System is discussed attached from ideal planning and related strategic perspectives which have been globally, nationally and regionally led in Australian states. However, the Senate should not only **'consider the need to**

***attract investment in innovation to secure high skill, high wage, jobs and industries'***. It should also consider many old, disabled, unemployed and underemployed people who would appreciate help in reducing expenses. These include artists, writers, musicians, former or current business people, academics, teachers, journalists, students or others who may welcome simpler, less stressful, cheaper and more effective service. This is also why many cohabit or marry. Find those who may be seeking and put them together more effectively so that trust may be based on broader, better organized evidence. The services to and from students, universities and others are also addressed in related ways later and in the attached discussion of writers, publishers, education and charity.

#### **Response to RC Question 1:**

##### **Q. Why and for what purpose might trade unions or union officials establish relevant entities?**

- A. Trade unions might establish relevant entities because these organisations were contracted to meet aims considered to be in the regional strategic planning interests of their members, future generations, and related communities

##### **Q. What legitimate uses might there be?**

A. The use of the word 'legitimate' renders the question offensive in suggesting that the large majority of potential business uses are not legitimate. It would be foolish to limit oneself to a few or to a long list of suggestions when this approach is already a major problem in the way law is administered. The rule should not take precedence in the absence of consideration of any particular case in the context of the general and particular regional and historical aims and operations. It is also clear that the major goal of unions, like that of other professional associations, is ideally to protect the quality of members' business operations so as to benefit current and future generations of workers. This was established in the Accord direction taken under the Hawke and Keating governments, which had good results for Australia in demonstrating the benefits that Medicare and industry based superannuation could provide to the national community, which more sectional wage rises could not. The efficacy of Accord approaches was also shown by the relative protection against the global financial crisis of 2008 which Australians also gained through good government.

The cheapest way to find out if a fund is a **'slush fund'** is to open the matter up to debate and direction. However, as shown in my first submission attached, the concept of **'entity'**, addressed in the Letters Patent issued under the Royal Commission Act (1902) appears to get all inquiry off to a bad start in assuming a slave state, in that **a person** appears considered as an entity (**thing**), the same as an **organization, funds, laws** or directions. These are presumably also given via a monarch's rule. The Letters Patent appear to be a poor beginning for any modern investigation from plain speech, scientific, quality management or related regional planning and development perspectives. It is impossible to investigate potential corruption, for example, from a feudal but legal position which sees secrecy as protective of the state or broader public, as distinct from being protective of a warring individual or tool. From modern regional standards this is not a good or cheap start. From broader perspectives most personal standards may also appear to be region and community driven.

The second submission attached relates directly to the above call for regional strategic planning and more open management but was made first to the Senate Economics References Committee Inquiry

into Australia's Innovation System and also to the Australian Government Competition Policy Review in answer to some of its questions. It also relates, however, to **the first recommendation** made to this Royal Commission which was that the Australian government should consult the Queen of England with a view to replacing the Royal Commission and related Letters Patent concept with a Constitutional Commission and related investigative process more relevant to the modern global era. The Constitution should also note the truth - aborigines lived in Australia before whites.

In seeking policy options to: *'attract, train and retain a research and innovation workforce; develop research pathways; ensure strategic international engagement; and support emerging industries'* the Senate Committee ideally requires support for regional and strategic planning approaches based on ideal national, UN and related local directions which are not narrowly and professionally closed and led by lawyers. Let open regional planning and competition serve the people. This is the global planning path begun with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which Australia has tried to follow through considering a range of Conventions for implementation in law.

This is an era in which policy is ideally now made to dispense with feudal operations hindering the implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Conventions to which this state is a signatory. To make sensible decisions about the ideal or real nature and quality of any proposed or actual practice, consideration must also be given to the aims and effects of actions in historically related environments and social contexts. Thanks to all reliable communications, these can increasingly be made visible and addressed globally and locally. In regard to tackling corruption, Premier Li Keqiang has said that reform will hurt vested interests but the interests of the vast population are the top priority of the Chinese government. He states he is ready to cut through the vested interests to carry out the much needed changes. (Australian Financial Review (AFR) 2.5.14, 5R). In any fair and supportive state, wouldn't one usually seek help and treatment in the open, trusting that this is the cheapest and best way to proceed? This is also necessary to avoid increasing poverty, violence and stress, as discussed later.

As previously suggested to the Business Council of Australia (BCA) when responding to its Action Plan for Enduring Prosperity (2013)', many BCA recommendations seem helpful in their clarity and apparent common sense from any perspective which takes account of the need for the peace and political stability necessary for expansion, including through competition. In its views, however, the BCA appears to share a theoretical lot with Oswald Mosley's directive Ten Points of Fascist Policy. British industry under fascism, for example, was going to be divided into national corporations, governed by representatives of employers, workers and consumers', according to de Courcy's, Dianna Mosley, (2003 Appendix I). (Australians, for example, might now catch up by refreshing their boards.)

Mosley's directions, like those of the BCA, however, were also wrong, as the most powerful election 'was sought on an occupational and not on a geographical basis'. UN institutions later avoided such professionally driven approaches as they appear largely what the world already has, which is past dysfunctional growth driving above all, based on the strongest feudal constrictions and desires of the past – brotherhood omertas, money, jobs and force. If we have not seen where closed feudal and

tribal brotherhood mentalities lead, including through the ballot, we have not been watching TV or reading the newspapers. Population and family planning are addressed later in related contexts.

University strategic plans ideally now bear open pivotal relationships to earning and learning, as discussed attached in regard to the Hockey budget. Communications are ideally constructed in related regional planning contexts in open cooperation with other stakeholders, to manage shared values, assets and key administrative processes, in order to guide all pricing and outcomes better. This is ideally addressed with students and other backers or potential investors. With the proposal to deregulate university fees, the Hockey budget unfortunately appears likely to see instead an unfair continuation of the current state where the bulk of the Student Services Amenities Fee (SSAF) will be spent on sport for comparatively wealthy males at expensive colleges. Fight back with the Sydney University strategic plan against the rich, closed collegiate cultures this Commonwealth budget will represent unless redirected by as many students and other communities as possible.

From this open regional and strategic planning position also presented to the BCA, one finds one naturally agrees instead with entrepreneur Dick Smith. In the article entitled 'Growth at any price is too dear' in the Australian Financial Review (AFR 14.8.14, News 9) Smith states:

The current model of capitalism was based on waste and greed and Australians may need to be more efficient, buy fewer goods and work fewer hours'. Are we to be like locusts because that is where we are heading'. (Sic.)

These are common effects of the theoretical producer demand to maximise all operations through global, commercial in confidence behaviour. The BCA stated, '*over the next 20 years the rate at which supply of water and land is added globally would have to increase by 140 percent and 250 percent respectively, compared to the past 20 years*' (p. 34). Then it washes its hands to return to the normal theoretical and practical business of blindly looking forward to more babies in the regional family as usual, while wringing its hands about related results. The modern woman has caught onto this lurk since 1975 when the no-fault divorce and supporting mother's benefit was introduced. I guess many men who never planned for kids to begin with faced the loss of the lot but are still being hounded to pay for the unintended consequences of comparatively thoughtless action.

To squarely face the vital consequences of the reproductive act on both sexes in an ideal age of contraception and abortion is not to condone domestic violence or to wish to wind back the welfare state. The reverse is the case. Some women's services, along with many other smug professional and community lobbies should come to better terms with this logic. For example, in a recent Uni. of Sydney Union 'Bull' magazine (5, 2014), Georgia Hitch discusses domestic violence in the article 'Our silent emergency'. She states:

The epicentre of Kay's experience was the psychological control Simon held over her. 'My self-esteem had been eroded so quickly by Simon. I was a shell of a woman within a month and I'd actually lost my job, lost a lot of my friends; I was pregnant so I was feeling awful as well. I couldn't get my hair done, I had cold sores and scabs from him hitting me and I was embarrassed to go out.'

I guess the baby didn't help. The above is the only mention of the baby. An old woman may wonder why they never tell us why the pregnancy occurred. Was the baby born and if so why? How will the child be supported for the next twenty years or more? In their mutual self-obsession they appear still to assume the blind dispensation normally given to the pig- ignorant villager who depends only on the shrinking plot in the growing desert or urban slum. In another article in 'Bull', entitled 'But what about men', Barbara Taylor states that 'when Margaret Atwood asked the question 'Why are women threatened by men?' to female students, they replied with the simple truth, 'They're afraid of being killed'. Noel Pearson, on the other hand, once told me he has never thought about the consequences of unplanned or involuntary reproduction on anybody. Maybe somebody should start.

This is not a question of men's rights, as the abolition of slavery meant that ideally there are no rights over people. This is also reflected in the advent of the no-fault divorce. There are duties of care and obligation instead. From this perspective children also have the right not to be born into an increasingly wide variety of misery and want that they soon help to generate by an apparently automatic reproductive process of their own. Speaking as a long term World Vision supporter who has followed world development since 1968, one now sees that reasons for the differences between Africa, China and India in regard to the quality of life and wellbeing of populations are comparatively clear for anybody who has bothered to look. They come down to effective planning, including family planning. If you can't bear another view, however, it seems likely that you simply may never hear it.

Cease clinging to marriage, children or the taxpayer as the answer to life's problems and accept that planning and kids should count more. Here, like Chomsky's grandma, one puts the healthier, more equitable, informed, UN and Australian service direction, which is regionally planned, with services delivered openly, instead of being driven by the secret, multiple, costly occupational and related community thrusts, with bankrupt theories. From this view one naturally also adopts the World Health Organization definition of sexual health, which is *'the integration of physical, emotional, intellectual and social aspects of sexuality in a way that positively enriches and promotes personality, communication and love'*. (Nutbeam and Blakey, Health Promotion International 5, 1990).

The bottom line is the Knights who say Nih and I say no to the Letters Patent and to BCA and collegiate views which appear fascist. We want nice shrubberies first. I am the wild bunny at the end of the picture and there are many of us. As Dr Seuss should have pointed out in 'The Lorax', we don't need new thneeds we need new oncelers. What happened to \$500,000 Sydney Uni. accidentally transferred into a deregistered inactive student union bank account? (See related letter below.)

Greetings from Toytown and country,

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Hi Honi

**ASK THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO WRITE DOWN WHAT HE SAID TO CHRISTINA WHITE FOR HONI SOIT**

I refer mainly to the article by Christina White, entitled 'Desperately seeking Senate', in the week 3, semester 2, 2014 edition of Honi Soit. I cannot understand why she attended the Senate Meeting or why she had to sit outside for three hours. White states that the Vice Chancellor (VC) 'explained the University's financial structure to her in a one-on-one lesson'. However, she provides no information about what he said or how it relates to any funds provided by and/or for students.

As a Glebe resident, former lecturer at Sydney Uni. and Alumni member, I mainly look to Honi Soit to find out what is going on in student and university management, as the Uni. of Sydney Union (USU) magazine, 'Bullmag', which I would have expected to contain this information, never appears to tell anybody anything about the rationale and process for the expenditure of students' money. Going to the USU website and reading the strategic plan, etc. left me with more questions than answers.

A Students Representative Council (SRC) Meeting is discussed in the week 3 edition of Honi Soit which also left me wondering how the SRC elections are ideally related to the running of the USU. I note from the SRC website that it relates only to undergraduate students and wondered why.

Christina White states that the next Senate Meeting is on September 8<sup>th</sup> and asks if anybody wants to accompany her. It would seem more informative, however, to ask the VC to write down what he said to Christina White for publication in Honi Soit. One wonders why he said something to a person presumably expected to be a student representative if he did not wish it to go further than White. Honi Soit editors should ask the VC to write down what he said to her, for publication in Honi Soit.

Speaking as one of the most ambitious, socially conscious and politically engaged Australian leaders and revolutionaries, referred to by Milly Ellen, please also assure Yi Jian Ching he is not the only one bothered by all the giant sewing machines looming in the sky over Sydney Uni. Their operations have driven me nuts for decades. I hope Honi Soit can at least fix this smaller mystery of what the VC said to Christina White. (See directions attached as usual. I worship Microsoft and Google.)

Cheers

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