

## INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA; NATIONAL DISABILITY AGREEMENT REVIEW AND REVIEW OF NATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF IDENTITY INFORMATION (RELATED TREATMENT OF CRIME)

I refer to the coming Productivity (PC) Inquiry into mental health in Australia and to the continuing PC National Disability Agreement Review. In particular, I alert you to the related Department of Home Affairs **Review of National Arrangements for the Protection and Management of Identity Information** and the submission I have made below. This refers to the treatment of crime and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). It is equally relevant to the following PC terms of reference:

*The interface between the NDIS and mainstream service systems, noting that many people who are unable to directly access the NDIS may access support through alternative service providers, mainstream services, and their communities.*

*Responsibility for ensuring that people with disability have access to government services, provided by the Commonwealth and state and territory governments, together with development of agreed performance measures.*

I make the following key point with supporting evidence:

***General openness and holistic treatment are more necessary for identity protection and any related learning than privacy is. Look to the MyHealth regional data collection and related Medicare approaches for tackling crime and related issues of paid or unpaid work and disability, consistent with national disability insurance scheme requirements.***

See below and attached for related information. Cheers,

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### **TO THE REVIEW OF NATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF IDENTITY INFORMATION**

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#### **Overview of identity services in related global, regional, historical and personal contexts**

The Department of Home Affairs has commissioned a **Review of National Arrangements for the Protection and Management of Identity Information**. This submission discusses its conflicting objectives, as outlined in the Ministerial terms of reference addressed below. The Review objectives are to determine ways to enhance or strengthen arrangements that support and govern the protection and management of identity information in order to:

- better protect Australians from the theft or misuse of their identity information, and assist people to minimise and recover from the impacts of identity crime should they become victims
- provide better targeted (that is, more convenient, tailored, efficient and effective) government services to individuals and business
- achieve these objectives in ways that respect and promote peoples' privacy

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***Privacy is general ignorance under another name. It is infinitely more valuable to the comparatively wealthy and powerful family or association and individual than to the comparatively weak, if we purely consider the potential of privacy for financial gain, as the market demands. Yet those most weak and frightened, as well as those most dominating and oppressive, often seek privacy most. This is absence of others learning.***

***It is often impossible, therefore, to promote privacy at the same time as promoting the safety of the broader population, including those who like risks and who take them, at others' expense or not.***

***To promote privacy is different from protecting the private person from corruption. These identity and related goods and service matters are addressed in regional, historical and personal contexts which are also political, economic and emotional in their associated nature. This unified reality of place, history and person is the relevant evidentiary base which treats the person as a whole, rather than as sets of private professional diagnostic categories starting with the priestly confessional or not.***

**The Review of National Arrangements for the Protection and Management of Identity Information and one's related submission and attachments are thus both committed to identify and analyse the key enablers, obstacles and risks associated with national arrangements for the protection and management of identity information, including consideration of:**

1. **legislative frameworks** *(These must primarily be regionally and historically related, which necessitates many state or other service providers to open themselves to questioning each other, rather than promoting service privacy which suits the service providers, as distinct from protecting or serving anybody else in better, cheaper ways.)*
2. **practices and systems for the collection, use, sharing of identity information** *(The leading risk management principles of data driven management in regional health, crime, rehabilitation and related information and broadcasting contexts are addressed attached. The 'woman' question and future generations were taken more seriously, as*

*the Chinese communist party intended, with the barefoot doctor and health education programs, followed by the one child policy, now raised to two. This has vitally contributed to Chinese growth which has lifted untold millions from poverty since the end of World War 2. Australia has also targeted a family of two to three children since the government and industrial welfare net of the male wage as the family wage was first set in 1907. Reproductive relations are addressed as vitally central pillars of regional welfare policy attached, with many related Australian legal prescriptions also found wanting. I have worked in anti-discrimination matters all my adult life becoming increasingly disenchanted with the message which is based on narrow group identification without the related geographic, historic and particular story. (Tick the box stuff is often crap.)*

*After reading her story, one particularly commends the regional service approach to Fiona Patten, a relative of Jessie Street and member of Victorian State Parliament, who wants to introduce new abortion, state assisted dying and drug laws. Patten wrote **Sex Drugs and the Electoral Roll, my unlikely journey from sex worker to Member of Parliament**. I guess Canberra is a tiny, wealthy and influential political and bureaucratic town by international standards. Jessie Street, as Patten reminds us, was the celebrated Australian suffragette and feminist of the 1930s who is probably best known for being the only female Australian delegate at the establishment of the United Nations (UN). One also thoroughly recommends Anne Summers memoir, '**Unfettered and Alive**'. I had never appreciated previously the enormous personal courage her journalism entailed. I remembered her huge willingness to espouse the local feminist cause but never knew her global ventures outside New York. She and Kevin Rudd should naturally work together.*

*Let us catch up with more broadly open regional approaches to service where all adults take more responsibility for actions, starting with men who deny them. Ideally one sees the personal identity and account in its holistic context, rather than in many fragmented diagnostic terms of professional confidentiality, to shed light more broadly for all around.*

### **3. coordination amongst government agencies, and between government and other entities.**

*After reading **Inside the Lindt Café Seige**, by Deborah Snow, one can only believe that the promotion of privacy will be used by multiple federal and state police and related service agencies as a means of keeping control of their own continuing interests, while increasingly offloading work onto even more unaccountable contractors who also justify this in their commercial in confidence and related principles. These associations of people often did little but twist the intent of freedom of information laws introduced in the 1980s to their own professional and litigious advantage. This association advance was invariably also due to the adversarial, dumbing and expensive advance of lawyers with growing piles of legislation, conflicting or not. The recommended approach is regional and open with data designed to prevent corruption in the interests of the broader health and welfare advance led by many.)*

The Review terms of reference state that it will identify opportunities and options for short, medium, and longer-term reforms, **'to enhance or strengthen the protection and management of identity information in Australia to meet the objectives of the Review; and which could provide the basis for a future iteration of the National Identity Security**

**Strategy'**. This submission is also to clarify conditions under which protection of the public, as distinct from protection of currently existing service provider interests, will take place.

**Data matters related to driving the regional and personal quality of the health and welfare service which may be delivered in the government, private or related charitable sector**

The common international market view is based on the continuing US Constitutional lie that the arms trade protects people, rather than killing and degrading them, as well as those they oppress with armaments trade. This is the continuing global, regional and historical 'Cold War' context referred to by President Xi of China, and within which one discusses the concept of local content and intellectual property in services, as addressed attached, including those delivered in the state, private or charitable sectors. From the regional demographic view taken by the World Health Organization (WHO) since 1946 and by the UN Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), these appear vital culture wars.

This is a discussion of the ideal Australian way forward to greater productivity and wellbeing in more open global and regional approaches to knowledge and intellectual property, (including identity). The alternative appears to be to multiply many closed institutional and related professional or voting procedures which appear typically to close markets, rather than opening any to broader understanding and more informed participation, starting locally or not. The attached discussion of **'the intersections between the enjoyment of the freedom of religion and other human rights'** requested by former PM Malcolm Turnbull naturally turned first to the Australian Constitution, a descriptive, as distinct from idealistic document. It surely made a lot of sense as administrative guidance for a federation of six colonies with parliaments and governors which still had control over land and production at the state level. The concept of a top unchanging Constitution, however, is foreign to good production and administrative practice. The men who wrote it were not Gods or Monarchs.

Many associations labour under an illusion, based on their dysfunctional but legal attitudes to intellectual property. This appears wrongly designed to be owned and exploited in comparative mutual ignorance of any broader potential. The identification of higher quality lies in broader regional planning, where quality may or may not be deemed to be primarily for development to some standard or not. It may also lie in the eye of the beholder, or not, depending on the case. The key point in delivery is surely to start any news with the democratic ideals of openness and search for truth, as distinct from more narrowly personal or sectional advantage. From this nationally more open perspective there are better consultative models of operation than the submissions-based funding model, for example.

The most powerful trade unions have long championed local content in manufacturing. It is far more necessary in services like news and film production, for quality housing and other service management, designed towards more broadly open and honest activity. Trade unions may attack this with lawyers. Their dedication to old male norms may do all a disservice today. One mainly advocates for regional structures and related digital platform development in broadcast communications and in land and housing construction and management structures. The norm is more closed institutional and related labour or other

community associations, helping feather their related nests, with little attention to broader community interest in more open service. Lawyers particularly wield their certificates of merit to deny competitors the chance to perform on more openly shared platforms. Patten quotes Salman Rushdie, who apparently said, '*What is freedom of expression? Without the freedom to offend, it ceases to exist*'. Too right. Openness normally prevents violence and women know the more information rather than the less that one has about a man, the more one is protected. The exception is where potentially violent men dominate all around them with impunity while women are conceptualized as chattels and jewels. Stand up or die.

The only hope for the comparatively weak when faced with corruption of any kind is the open and intelligent administration of all national and related regional affairs of which they are a part. This starts with reproduction and birth; and with death, in demographic planning approaches, rather than ignoring or denying them until it happens. I guess that would have been the general and logical view of Mao Zedong and fellows in China. The evidence, which I support, are the **Quotations of Chairman Mao Zedong**, for example, although much of the material included was written when the nation was locked in civil and international wars. I read these quotations again recently at the Whitsundays in Queensland and was amazed at how much of this Maoist philosophy I had also been responsible for trying to implement in the NSW public service under Australian state and Commonwealth governments, Liberal and Labour, from 1985-95. This was pushing shit uphill against lawyers and their mates who necessarily appear to stand eternally for the existing feudal and political, economic and related professional orders on which their interests are based, and topped with lawyers.

Government ideally establishes a broadly stable environment in which good policy and economic decision making can take place in more open regional agreements with private sector and related independent or charitable organisational plans. The discussion attached on the **Digital Platform Inquiry Issues Paper** refers to the Treasurer's Terms of Reference to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to direct the **Inquiry into Digital Platforms** to consider, in particular, the impact of digital platforms on the supply of news and journalistic content. One calls for more broadly and imaginatively open views of evidence on matters in more broadly open regional and historic contexts outside court. This national and more regionally open direction questions normal communication and certification roles for universities, states and the private sector. The latter increasingly must be seen as including charities, because this appears to be the case in various financial trusts. This also appears to be the common secret reality, unless the latter open up to broader regional agendas to obtain a more diversely multicultural public interest. Leadership is also historically initiated in ABC and SBS media directions for more broadly open development.

The **MyHealth Record** approach attached to Medicare and related public or private sector operators is also considered relevant for treating crime. Traditional insurance hides unfair and dysfunctional management practices, without necessarily benefiting even the litigious, who raise the cost of operations. Competing on premium price, the insurer rushes to international markets with the growing premium funds, until the rising market turns into a bust. Then the costs of the market default are offloaded onto others. Lawyers wield the

whip in obnoxious, expensive, key operations. Australians understand that design of Australian Medicare is to amass more reliable population information in diagnosis and treatment, helping doctors and other body managers to operate better. A related state and data driven approach is taken to humans in regard to protection of workers from harm, as well as to rehabilitation afterwards. Disability and crime are often closely related and deserve to be treated accordingly as long as any group of potential victims is protected. All these service design features are undermined by legally privileged operation and control.

Most richer women across the world have severely curtailed their reproductive capacity through personal choice and most poor women have not as they are ruled by men, including church doctrine and those who live and make their comfortable careers off it. They grind themselves down as well as everybody else, unless they can grow better richer family and institutional connexions. In the Prime Ministerial context of address regarding religion and human rights discussed attached, I also challenge the Sydney University Vice Chancellor to justify his church and family values in more broadly open debate which is also available and so instructive to many. See related regional views of services and competition also put to the Inquiry into Digital Practices to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).

One's thesis is you can't go wrong in more open communication in comparatively safe places. Australia is a comparatively safe and well-informed place due to comparatively good general and historical community and institutional practice. Don't stuff it up. Open it up. Comparison is often highly illuminating. In many things practice makes perfect and experience tells for a lot. In theory we may question the right to practice, backed by data. However, theory should not talk to itself alone and neither should data, as it ends up silly. The recognition of dialectics in practice must be effectively grounded, not led by the legal word and its essentially aristocratic pretensions to control, embedded in Western court and legal discourse. (Weber had a lot of great things to say about this, as did Foucault.)

The idea lawyers represent the interests of Australian people instead of their own is crazy. The thought that as I go towards death the state may put me into the clutches of health professionals if I become demented, incontinent and or in pain horrifies and frightens me. I would rather be dead, also taking the pain away from my daughter. I am over seventy and the state should assist me to die as early as I want to. That will be cheaper and fairer for everybody bearing the costs of keeping me alive as long as possible, which is all Australians. Why can't I donate my body to the state early, like a soldier? Am I to be forever denied any forms of altruism or pleasure not dreamed up for me by men? (Christ what arrogance.)

One's key point is that consent has been a very hard-won gain for many women, which depends on and ideally encourages speech and increasingly informed experience. The man and lawyer historically shape and cut speech off so the lawyer controls everything except

rebellion against him. The attached discussion of collegiate culture in universities was to gain understanding of the effects of constrained speech and sadomasochistic relations in sexual harassment and assault. One bases this generational and demographic analysis on the professionally consensual concepts of **consenting adults** in the **market, sex acts and death**. To have children is not to own them. Caring responsibilities lie first with the mother. The welfare state should consider the wrong kind of incentives it often gives to people and try to turn them around into more rational policy directions. Try with Chinese relations.

The family has a mixed institutional history, depending on the time and place. The aristocratic feudal family and its financial, military, peasant and taxation relations on the land may be contrasted with the urban family and its typical financial, employer, employee and other independent professional associations, for example. In my life-time the growth of the Australian welfare state favoured greater secure employment. The development of IT now forces new competition and costs upon many retail, manufacturing and related market and state environments in an era where there are increasing calls upon governments and residents for more protection of shared natural environments, as well as just people today. The related discussion of insurance and fund management attached seeks more systems designed to improve general wellbeing while reducing dysfunctional operational costs.

In global, regional and individual planning and management contexts, in which post-war Australia has accepted and effectively integrated higher rates of immigration from around the world than almost any other country, one accepts the definition of community put forward by the International Labour Organization (ILO), WHO and UNESCO. In the context of direction on community-based rehabilitation (1994), these organizations defined 'community' as:

- a. a group of people with common interests who interact with each other on a regular basis, and/or
- b. a geographical, social or government administrative unit

This is a good definition as it is clear and allows services or goods to be managed transparently (openly, clearly) on related international and regional bases for the purposes of evaluating and improving wellbeing and understanding in Australia and beyond.

Legal and related service or other expectations are discussed in this global and regional context which is historically established already. As members of families are used to many arrangements, including working for no money, it appears counter-productive to judge arrangements outside of the normal tribunal fixation of wage rates to be corrupt. Ideally, they should be opened up to more broadly rational judgment of joint community interests.

Good open process is vital to reduce corruption, pollution and decay. Shared strata housing plan management values mutual ignorance about who owns and who manages each of the separate plots we live on together, for example. This promotes ignorance and confusion as people only know and think about themselves and mates. Secrecy and dumb voting are put

ahead of information in management of the place. Some see it mainly as their residence; others think of it as a part of their investment or their real estate or other trade business. Regional and related place-based approaches to work seek to cut through these problems.

Risk is ideally addressed in broader and more reliable health and welfare terms, as it is embryonically addressed in Australian health care portfolios, for example. This is so in spite of the tendencies and limitations of medicalizing situations, so as to treat them as 'mental health', providing legal instead of illegal drugs, at public instead of private expense. Related local, national, regional and global strategies regarding film and other place, time and person-based products are addressed attached to show how regional, historical and personal approaches appear superior to professional and market driven ones for improving the welfare of all involved in any production, paid or not. Culture wars matter as the Chinese Communist Party would be the first to recognize, I guess. Take up this related Australian ABC and SBS connexion and extend it in a manner designed to maintain its quality. Innovation requires vision in a broader regional light. Small business starts unashamedly with the family but state development often teaches denial of the bond. **Why?** (This is the regional policy context in which we interrogate our policy together.)

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