

To: The Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General

**SEEKING A MEETING WITH WILLIAM NIXON APPLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

I apologise for this further contact. However, I wrote to your Office some months ago, in the hope of gaining a meeting with William Nixon Apple, who I had recently learned was the recipient of Queens Birthday Honours (2019) for services to superannuation and trade unions.

I explained to your Office that I had known Nixon very well for ten years when he was living in Sydney and then working for Kuringai College, followed by Canberra, and then back in Sydney again with the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union. However, I lost all contact with him when he went to Melbourne at the end of 1993. **I want to see him very much and would be grateful if you would again pass on my request for a meeting.**

I apologize for this further inquiry but he has not replied and I need to know whether he will meet me at a place of his choosing before I go to Sri Lanka on 9.1.2020. I primarily want to discuss **the advocacy and National Disability Insurance Scheme matters which I attach for common perusal, and also higher education with him, in any capacity.**

*In the light of your organizational mission I would also be very grateful if your Office would draw these issues to the attention of the Governor General and do everything within your power to gain the attention of William Nixon Apple so that a meeting between us can ensue as soon as possible before I leave Australia for Sri Lanka in January 2020.*

Thank you in advance for all your efforts and see more about me on [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au)

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**I STAND AS AN ADVOCATE AND RESEARCHER FOR EDUCATION, LOVE AND POLICY TAKING BROADER AND MORE OPEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY ACTION, AS I HOPE YOU DO TOO.**

**NIXON APPLE, MY TOP MUSE SINCE 1983, SHOULD TALK TO ME IN PERSON. PLEASE ASK HIM TO CONTACT ME TO DO SO AND PUT YOUR WEIGHT BEHIND IT. (MYTHIC ADDRESS)**

I could not love thee, dear, as much, loved I not Honour more (Lovelace)

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- We support the Governor-General to reinforce the nation's shared values, promote community cohesion and represent Australia's broad national interests here and overseas

- We value the opportunity to contribute towards building a stronger, more resilient and harmonious society
- To enhance and contemporise the impact of the Governor-General's role in modern Australia
- To celebrate and acknowledge community achievement.

In the light of this mission, I beg you to do everything within your power to bring about a meeting between me and Nixon Apple, recipient of Queen's Birthday Honours (2019) for offices to superannuation and trade unions. I lived intimately with him in Sydney for ten years. Since he left me at Xmas 1993 to go to Melbourne, I have always wished to see and talk to him again. He has ignored my earlier entreaty to your Office. Please help me find him. I have never doubted he did the right thing for all concerned in leaving me then.

The personal and political are forever deeply entwined in reality, however, through marriage or not, as distinct from in any of the modern bureaucratic accounts which men have forged in common market and state relationships. I appeal to you again as Officers of a Higher Order.

**(Why won't Nixon see me? Surely, he ought morally to give honest and good reasons clearly or else agree to meet up with me at some mutually convenient time and place?)**

Since Nixon left, I have been increasingly aware of my gratitude for the lifetime gift of his actual and imaginary presence inside. This is a form of value adding, like living in another country, learning to appreciate its being more fully and to wish oneself more like it or not, as the case may be. Michael Apted also hit upon a common desire to periodically review the past in his acclaimed series of films about children growing up in a British class structure, starting with **7 Up**. My yearning to see Nixon is more like that of a mother or child to see the offspring or parent lost. These personal questions are also political, educational and entertaining. They also appear necessary to the extent that women have been 'hidden from history' to use the common term. Talk frankly to the masters of war because the time for blind support for the sisters is over. I think Nixon owes me a meeting. What does he think?

Surely if Nixon knows I want to see and talk to him, he should give me the courtesy of reply? If he and I had been married, as we could easily have been, and if we had had a child, as we planned, surely I would have a right to see Nixon as his former wife, if only to work out my child support, unemployment and disability support, aged and carer's pension or other state entitlements? One wonders how the rights of a wife and a defacto, which are very common historical classes of women, relate in law today. Men have the right to privacy and silence?

The legal right men have to silence, makes attainment of more informed and democratic dealing impossible. It also has broader implications than for the individuals in this case. See the position **on corruption and direct lobbying and property summit matters below and attached** as *we feel the effects of the design of the lot on the ground*, whether matters as men define them end up on the front pages of newspapers or not. Without attention to these **corruption identification and prevention, direct lobbying and property summit matters**, Bill Kelty's position on tax, superannuation, trade unions or anything else remains hopelessly lop sided for more broadly reasonable and democratic purposes.

Please urge Nixon to contact and meet me for personal and political reasons between us and also be assured I have absolutely no financial claim on him of any kind.

Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) Governor, Philip Lowe, proposes an excellent personal mission which we all could follow if we want in the Australian Financial Review Magazine, (August 2019, p,31). The article states: When asked directly about what is his guiding principle, Lowe replies: ***It is to do my best to enhance the welfare of the people of Australia. And to be as clear as I can about what we are doing and why.*** I totally agree.

### **TEN YEARS A DEFACTO, I COULDA BEEN A CONTENDER (HOW IS NIXON THESE DAYS?)**

In this world, as seen with building (s?) and construction, as addressed below and attached, men at the top and right down the chains to the bottom appear too smart for simpler things like responding to their ex-wives, so that the latter can meet their obligations to the various pension offices available, to say nothing of divorce and lawyers. The lawyer champions the personal right to silence which gives those accused the upper hand forever. I prefer Primo Levi's view from European death camps, that love is an endless interrogation. The younger woman usually has an access to men that those older may envy, but should they? (No idea.)

In my case, fevered curiosity about Nixon's continuing situation is always with me. It has been so since I first met him at a tertiary education trade union amalgamation conference at ANU in 1983, acting for our respective institutions. After we met, Nixon gave me a strong internal connection of knowledge, power and pleasure in the world that I nurtured after he left. I always understood his leaving to pursue his own account. However, I am pissed off with his failure to make any contact with me since his move to Melbourne and his marriage shortly thereafter. I am also deeply intellectually curious about how he has ended up at sixty-seven. This is a personal and political issue of general research interest about common financial, family, health and gaming operations, as well as about marriage or not, as the case may be. Surely this is a perfect Melbournian topic for Nixon to contemplate as the recipient of the Queen's Birthday (2019) honours for services to superannuation and trade unions?

I want to see him and I think that after waiting over 20 years for any contact I have a right to do so, don't you? Let me press myself upon Your Office again, with a little Lovelace:

Stone Walls do not a Prison make/ Nor Iron bars a Cage;  
Minds innocent and quiet take/ That for an Hermitage.  
If I have freedom in my Love/ And in my soul am free,  
Angels alone that soar above/ Enjoy such Liberty.

See discussions below and attached in support of my personal, political and policy case in hopes that your Office also sees and supports its appeal. I remain the closest thing to a Maoist anyone ever saw in Australia. Are the obvious concerns about unplanned reproduction and lack of contraception, abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment and women and children's rights ever going to come into fashion? Only after I'm dead?

Cheers

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Hi

## SECRETIVE AND UNINFORMED STRATA MANAGEMENT DECISION MAKING PROCESSES

### THE DRAFT COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL (WHERE DID THIS COME FROM?)

I comment on the **Draft Communications Protocol** Richard tabled below, with supporting reasons. WHY ISN'T POINT NO 6 ENOUGH? (Point 4 Depends upon clarification of Whelan's Property Group interest in our matters.)

**Re 1b.** I needed to know that we appeared to have a stranger possibly occupying one of our garages, rather than to hear that somebody had been rude and nasty to **T17** when she inquired about something unknown. Writing clearly about matters fixed our anxiety up and educated us more.

Without effective and broad written communication, we might as well all stay home and watch TV for the night. For this reason, **I object to 1b as slowing down vital communication to subjugate it to rare meeting where open discourse is also subjugated to some pre-literate, fascist time control and memory discussion.**

I have a related position that anything I write is my intellectual property and I will send it to anybody I like. (As a resident property owner without mortgage who is retired from paid work, I am no longer paid to take orders from any puny thought police, local or not. I like to believe Whelan's are ideally designed to be working intelligently for us, rather than the reverse where we on strata do forced work for them and their industry mates for free.)

I start from the view that we are all free to write and to ignore what is written, but business ideally goes through the Secretary because she ideally facilitates broader general knowledge and development through involvement, rather than hides it. I did not like the practice at the last night meeting, for example, of having a single quote flash before my eyes on the night, although I have sympathies with **J2** interests in resolving our matters.

**Re 4:** I have never used the oft referred to '**reply all**' facility, as I don't know how. Lili assured me in writing a couple of weeks ago that if I just wrote back on one of her rolling message thingies, the message would go to inform everybody as my particular views on a subject. They could easily ignore or take this on board in their own deliberations or object.

This could save a lot of time and heartache later down the track. For example, I don't want eventually to pursue **S9**, who appears to be dying, with lawyers for not putting in any smoke alarms. A lot of matters were addressed fast and well at the meeting last night, but one could hardly claim that meeting is a good venue for evidence-based reflection, as distinct from gaining knowledge of the general orientation of those more involved.

In this context **I don't care much whether I contact Whelan's or not but would be interested to know whether anybody there would like to receive my free communications, if I want to send them, without rendering any charge in return.** I copy local Green MP Jamie Parker, in this operational regard, as discussed attached. He emails constituents regularly seeking any feedback on parliamentary speeches. Questions of freedom of speech (or writing) and corruption are addressed attached. (No man or strata is an island and hell may be other people and disordered views?)

**Re 6. Too right. I agree that anyone who wishes to have a matter placed on the agenda is strongly encouraged to send an email to the Secretary (with a copy to all members of the Committee,) with as much information as possible about the issue so that members understand well before the meeting what is to be considered.**

**So why didn't Richard follow this practice?** However, I found his discussion of his NBN and Foxtel problems an enormously clear and helpful rendition of a general policy and responsibility problem which appears to affect us all in various ways. As in the case of Promaster, there is a lot of related concern in many shared communities not as wealthy as ours. If I were Jordan at Whelan's, I would be sobbing with gratitude on receiving such a clear account of problems without having to pay anybody for it. (I could never understand Mr Donovan's problems in No. 1. He seemed to write total barrister's crap). I've got no idea how Jordan will be expected to proceed with this big issue for a lot of people.

## **THE SHARED MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELF-EDUCATION**

It is a general principal of self-education that people should be encouraged to share their perceptions, rather than hide them from others. This inevitably may include perceptions about each other, as expected in any family. It is a general development observation that literate cultures innovate faster than non-literate cultures and do so largely by keeping records.

From the above I draw the general principal that all people with an interest in the management of St James Court, for any reason, should be encouraged to speak and write to each other about their fears and desires for their property, combined with others. We need to know what appears to be going on, preferably in writing. Otherwise people designated in any position have little or no hope of understanding how to act in the public interest, in which their own is paramount to them.

On the other hand, I am aware of being an old woman who has vowed never to do anything I don't want to do. On this account, I have huge sympathy with others who must rise and go to work hard at horrible hours, or who would much rather be at the beach than do anything else. I have always hated football and know nothing about it. It doesn't matter to me. Feel free to act in a similar fashion in regard to our group struggle to manage. Only those like Whelan, who receive our levies, should develop a practice in the public interest, including ours. Otherwise we feel like left out donkeys bearing more and more of them as little more than expensive burdens.

Cheers Carol

Hi Beattie

### **THE PERSONAL, THE POLITICAL AND A STRANGE QUESTIONNAIRE ON AUSTRALIAN UNIS. (AN AUSTRALIAN MAOIST WRITES TO YOU AND OFFICES OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL)**

**Disclosure:** I ran the **Get German Greer for Governor General Group (GGGGGG)** in 2007. She declined gracefully in a public launch at Gleebooks. Under PM Rudd we got the woman lawyer from the Queensland bush with all the kids and hats. As my British migrant parents, also in Queensland, would have said, *'That's Australia for you'*. (Still fighting the last war.)

I have pondered your questionnaire asking about my knowledge and ranking of Australian universities with growing amazement. I can't go back to the original questionnaire to check it, unfortunately, because I sent it back to you when I finished. It's lost to me now.

How could I possibly answer other than **Don't Know** to any of your questions which asked me to compare and rank universities? The university has long been a collection of scholars, composed of students and workers; each one uniquely appealing to any other or not on the basis of comparatively deep personal intellectual or trivial reasons, like living next door.

From experience as a teacher, I can tell you students slotted into professional status rungs of the Faculty of Health Sciences on the basis of their numerical secondary school rankings. A lot of the physios wanted to be doctors, etc. They model themselves on medical tops.

Why do you ask me comparative and evaluative questions which I am not equipped to answer? I don't have the kind of data Sydney Uni. keeps and have never studied it. Surely your Sydney Uni questionnaire must have a purpose of which I am not aware. What was it?

I see the universities of Australia, which have influenced me strongly, as part of my general development experience as a youth, adult and old woman. That experience was very confidence building and also the most important factor of my continuing life besides my daughter. Universities also handed out lots of comparatively useful certificates financially speaking. They suited me to a T because they allowed one to be so freely inquiring and if you are lucky you even get paid very well for what is a pleasure, especially in retrospect.

See related discussion of Sydney University attached in response to Ramsay Centre inquiries and related policy and personal issues, centred on regional location. I feel lucky to have

collected the degrees I collected at that time. Along with my excellent family planning experience they have allowed me to use them to my satisfaction throughout my life. Will the more fecund Sydney Uni. Vice Chancellor's second wife be so lucky? Only time will tell.

I remain the closest thing to a Maoist that Australia has ever seen. See more below to the Governor General's Secretary's Office, attached and on [www.Carolodonnell.com.au](http://www.Carolodonnell.com.au) Cheers,

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### **CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT FROM NTEU (WHAT HIGHER EDUCATION DIRECTION NOW?)**

I refer to the article on your retirement as Australia's longest-serving union general secretary, after thirty-four years with the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU), according to an article in the Australian Financial Review, entitled *'Union's long-running leader rejects critics of salary, super costs'*(AFR 15.10.18, p29).....

Being an 'evidence-based person', I expect you have some ideas about Australia's future direction as an educational 'sheltered workshop' or not, as the case may be. You should write about them as NTEU policy gave me the shits at Sydney University for eleven years, for its stifling rather than helpful regional and community development directions. I would be very interested to know, therefore, what you advise on the Australian higher education direction in future. My views are later below and in the attached submissions.....

The national broadcasters are addressed in regional media platform contexts in which universities and other forms of higher education may currently play supporting parts or not, as the case may be.....

It seemed to me before I retired in 2007 at the age of sixty, after eleven years teaching in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Sydney Uni, that NTEU was usually acting in breach of the intelligent regional and demographic approaches introduced by the World Health Organization in 1946 and generally followed in China's barefoot doctors' program and in later health, education and population policy, for example. On the other hand, the US Constitution puts the secret arms trade above all other human values based on a common pretence that arms proliferation creates safer environments rather than more risky and unprotected ones, as is clearly the US case.

Here we appear increasingly to depend on government by lawyers, depending on the party and on voting, whether comparatively ignorantly engaged in the matters for voting or not. We appear awash with lawyers and mates going back in time with added red tape, rather than forward with increased understanding of the broader and particular grounds and institutional matters. I note from a recent Sydney Alumni Magazine, for example, that Michael Spence, VC of Sydney Uni. Is also a specialist in intellectual property law. Surely you both have wisdom greater than the norm to impart on these vital matters in our shared but often differing regional contexts. Do it now.....

