

Hi Heather, Bush Heritage and others

OPEN COMPETITIVE WILLING (A HEALTHIER MOTHERS DAY ADDRESS)

Thanks for the reminder about the **Business and Biodiversity Breakfast** on Friday 13th May. It looks very interesting and I wonder if the key speeches will be available on-line or by email, on request. Will they? (Write that they shall be as usual?) I won't go to the business and biodiversity breakfast event as at 75 I fear my early-rising, networking days are over. I also may flick my breakfast at the nearest lawyer, which could only look bad for me.

However, I would love more information about the Business and Biodiversity Breakfast, preferably by getting the speakers' speeches by email. I would happily donate \$75 to Bush Heritage on top of my regular contributions, if that is possible. Can the key speeches be sent to us? On-line verbal presentation would also be fine but is comparatively fleeting for better understanding or recording. Why waste an event in speech alone? Many of the more serious among us could inform and appreciate plain writing a lot more. You bet I do.

However, I want to draw your collective attention to the personal will I am currently making attached and key reasons for it. Here I belatedly thank MTV and SBS TV and metaphorically spit on the ways gyms at Sydney University and elsewhere adopted hugely expensive new machines and IT for competitive male sports purposes, at the expense of staff and students who wouldn't care about a football if they fell over it. I care. The gym destroyed my MTV, which I could only refer to as normal mainstream music TV at the time. They put on wall-to-wall football or golf instead and would not change it. Is this the US future, sports bets running universities, with a few girls behind the counter to look good? They are a taunting, nasty stupid bunch in what used to be a very sensible women's gym. Recreation is ideally a regional concept related to population fitness, not old football ties. If it takes 6 police to remove an old lady from a gym on Sunday, this is expensive. More stupid arseholes seem in charge at Sydney Uni than in Alice Springs. About a month later in Alice, when I complained about their war memorial after they asked, one Sunday in the pub, they didn't ring the cops to throw me out. I could have easily bought a second beer if I'd wanted.

Up until I saw the recent documentary on MTV on national, free-to-air Australian SBS TV, I could only confidently refer to the intellectual property (IP) and IT leadership stance of the Australian Law Reform Commission, the National Health and Medical Research Council and the National Health Ethics Committee in their inquiries and reports on **Protection of Human Genetic Information in Australia**, entitled **Essentially Yours** (1993). Sadly, this is not a widely engaging title but the producers tried hard. I had no idea what I was seeing after video killed the radio star on TV at the gym, before they put IT on every machine to promote competitive male sports, and started showing sport on all the TV channels, in what was formerly a women's gym. So, to MTV I say thank you for the decade of music and for giving it to me for free, especially at the gym. Now I see the model I'll hope to follow it nationally and regionally in freer IP treatments of the kind which Bush Heritage may also welcome. I include my will in this. What producers give us, they may also take away with IT which adds to financial instability for people who, like us, may or may not be in their newest markets.

I believe that open and competitive willing may be part of the answer for key Australian regional development for future generations, providing related reasons for the open will attached. I am reading former PM Kevin Rudd's book, **The Avoidable War: The Dangers of a Catastrophic Conflict between the US and Xi Jinping's China**, (2022). I am also aware that English remains the most spoken and written language in the world, in cultural environments where clear plain language is often most vital for any expectation of effective cooperation through what Rudd calls '*managed strategic competition*'. I was often a great admirer of his highly knowledgeable development approach which seeks to avoid war and corruption in part by plain and direct speech and writing with partners in more stable trade. This was tried in workers compensation and state insurance in the 1980s then quickly lost to legal and financial interests as usual because of their commercial in confidence control of information which tended to propel everybody towards lawyers and courts as usual.

There are those who should focus on comparatively reliable, cheap content in communication with international spread, and I am one. National interests now appear focused instead on encouraging many new platforms for communication and exchange. I have seen nothing better than Microsoft Office for communication and storage purposes in my life. I began life as a shorthand typist and office worker before I became a high school teacher who then established plain English publications to support the aims of new state occupational health and safety acts in the 1980s. I have taught mainly in university education faculties and in faculties of health sciences. Pardon me if I revisit a better past understanding in regional policy which lawyers' interests or those they represent destroyed.

Managed competition may be the antithesis of the US commercial approaches which have driven wider inequality globally and locally since the 1980s. Microsoft Office, email and the search engine appear to be the natural tools of any communication and recording for better advance, however others do the mathematics for their secret business as usual. Why not try to write clearly and in as simple and full terms as possible where your knowledge of a particular subject warrants? The answer, one assumes, is increasing fear of legal attack. However, the value to a community of institutional independence surely lies in its openly and effectively reasoned and written recording. Anyone literate may write better and cheaper than a lawyer in regard to matters they know more about, starting with their own.

Accordingly, I make the attached supporting case for my particular will to **State Super, Aware Super Estate Planning Services, State super fund members and others as a result of key information about wills sent to me by Aware Super Estate Planning Services**. I hope the attached files on wills and related key regional land, property and financial matters in which Australians take keen interest, also interest your banking sponsor, ANZ, or others. According to the illuminating documentary on SBS free to air TV, the MTV producers worked with willing artists to deliver words or songs free to an MTV program on a US cable TV channel. The free exposure promoted the artists in world concert and record markets, while boosting MTV program and cable spread. I never knew what I was watching for over a decade, until the gym ditched this great music product and service, preferring IT driven competitive male sport. I loved MTV nevertheless. It brought back emotional contact with my youth and that of present youth, which I would otherwise miss a lot – being a teacher.

I never went back to the gym after they threw me out for nasty complaining. I withdrew to yoga at home after a short bout of training and soon will die. My will is so simple I should be able to make and keep it on my own; emailing a free copy to State Super or anyone else who would merit one for reference purposes. Like stories in the **Naked City**, there must be millions of different wills. Mine is ideally made with no assistance from the growing bands of lawyers and other expensively related professional mates in associated financial specialisations, whether they work together or not to advance their businesses. We may naively think of them as serving ours, until we learn later by experience. All in all, we are just bricks in their legal, financial and related professional walls. Somebody should explain the difference between a product and a service to those who appear to be running development. If the Nationals had a good Glebe female candidate in the next election, I would support her over Tanya Plibersek as usual. I refer to MP Bridget McKenzie later.

If I were given a ball and wanted to put it at the opposite end of a field, I wouldn't want lots of aggressive arseholes trying forcefully to stop me or take it from me on the way. There is an administrative point to this which doesn't involve driving regions by football clubs, lawyers, investment banks, the building and real estate industries and their related professional advisers. One feels the world of confidential lawyers, political parties and their key financial backers have forgotten the shortest and cheapest distance is supposed to be between two points if any institution seeks to serve the public, including all its members.

Surely former NSW Premier, Nick Greiner, was right when he first championed the vital importance of plain and direct English, plus open and broadly consultative inquiry over matters of regional planning and personal concern. I guess the question is often how far does one go for how long. Led by lawyers, men seldom have the guts to inquire broadly, clearly and personally enough, as normal old family and professional associations forbid it. In such common circumstances, more may prefer a woman in front doing their normal soliciting for them. (Out you go, dickhead? I applaud women's capacity to do this better.)

I guess it is up to Australian people to care for their land as well as the people. The openly competitive making of wills, avoiding the normally associated legal on-costs, but guided by reliable plain English information (as in my own case), is one key way to do it. We can and must judge on the basis of the evidence available to us, writing reasons. We don't have to be infallible, merely comparatively lucid and relevantly informed about the case. Public inquiries open the way, aided by media. Lawyers and their mates serve themselves first and like to have the best remunerated at the top or to go to associates, for every written word. Judging is vital and makes us human. It is the responsibility of most or all of us, not lawyers. This is a reason Australia has compulsory voting. Mathematically you know where you are.

I live in Glebe in Sydney so I attach discussions in support of my will and email a related plea to Tanya Plibersek, the Labor MP who represents our Sydney electorate. I would normally vote for her; along with the NSW Green Balmain MP, Jamie Parker in state government; and Independent Sydney Lord Mayor, Clover Moore. ***They all stand for similarly related bunches of regional residents, so should openly share knowledge and organization in our interests as part of the broader country.*** I have never voted for the National Party as due to my sex, life-long work and my location, I usually find myself another ignorant member of the left-wing inner-city latte set. However, I hope you saw the National Press Club on ABC

TV recently when Victorian National MP, Bridget McKenzie, Minister for Emergency Management and National Recovery and Resilience spoke. I was swept away in support of her views and the title is useful. I would vote for her if I could but the others not so much.

Speaking at the Press Club in Canberra, McKenzie pointed out that rural Australia creates most of Australia's wealth and the particular situation in each electorate is ideally considered far more important for undertaking key regional development in national and international policy contexts. This is necessary to remedy problems of climate change, rather than having the capital city legal, financial or related elites ruling over the country from Sydney or Melbourne as usual. Too right. I recognised the problem before I left working in NSW workers compensation and insurance. Fear, awe and envy of secret legal men's business and courts drive the public service which is expensive and wasteful for the rest of us. (Either that or they only type with two fingers, perhaps.) The more people write and judge in plain English the better, and Microsoft Office is great for this, internationally known and widely available and cheap. Legally privileged secret operation is often a curse making more democratic and efficient government harder and far more expensive. MP Bill Shorten is now pointing this out in regard to the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Voters may not know the difficulties of establishing social insurance schemes, but they exist. Those who built pre-war European social insurance funds often began with good intentions.

In 1997 the Kyoto Protocol committed signatories to reducing greenhouse gas emissions which cause global warming, using the regulatory mechanism of national emissions caps and trading schemes. The Australian government's carbon pollution reduction scheme green paper (08) claimed its proposed arrangements were the best way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and related carbon pollution, while minimizing the impact on Australian businesses and households. Would this trading mainly enable faster transfer of public funds into the richest business hands as usual, I often ask? I don't know, partly because commercial in confidence business language and proceedings are so secretively alien and I don't normally trust them to work for me at the end of the chain, as distinct from working for those much higher up. However, management perspectives which seek social stability and full employment through planning and investment of mandated insurance premiums or savings, so as to avoid international market risks and fluctuations, have been central to many British, European, Canadian and Australian developments since World War II. I guess Australia lost the plot.

I write in this regional and international context, in which rural and foreign interests should often be driving openly, as they often also appear located in the most vital and threatened or threatening areas of the nation. The perspective of the World Health Organization is similar to that of the Canadian economist JK Galbraith in that both recommended support for development in the poorest peripheral regions ahead of the usual focus on the legal, financial and professional elites in big cities. Remembering JK Galbraith, also a favourite economist of some former NSW Premiers and others, I found myself in furious agreement with the Nationals, Bridget McKenzie. My experience is that lawyers and their mates dominate project funds to take as much as they can get away with from their central start. This leads to faster project collapse or take-over when the lawyers win again. May one stop or reduce loss to any estate through more freely open, direct and competitively written directions? I write in the light of personal experience, of history, and John Kay's study of financial development since the 1980s in his book **Other People's Money: Masters of the Universe or servants of the people?** (2015). This book is addressed attached and related matters are at www.Carolodonnell.com.au

I championed the **openly competitive will** as discussed attached, after the **Aware Estate Planning Services of State Super** drew various facts about their ideally suggested process of willing to my attention as a fund member. They helped me express my will directly and hopefully through plain English. If we have email, reliable information, Wikipedia, and a good search engine for internet contact, what need have we for lower forms of communication, other than good pictures and facility with other languages, for example? Reliability and speed of operation may be reduced through financial encouragement for endless multiplication of poor forms of IT because they may stop apparently wider, fairer and cheaper communication in pursuit of their business interests which may change at will. This is a reason I have championed national Medicare and industry superannuation funds, as well as national free to air radio and TV. US and global markets increasingly drive these inclusive operational systems back under control by top business and professional elites in comparatively closed, ignorant, expensive and controlling systems they call competitive. There is such a thing, Virginia, as too much competition, if it leads to greater ignorance.

Life may be made more difficult, uncertain and unreliable through multiple and constant IT service fragmentation, not easier and more certainly reliable as is often promised. Surely many of us may like to write our wills before we die and should be encouraged to do so, by plain writing and recording in the interests of the estate. Ideally, we work or play regionally and communicate openly and directly for good personal or project development. We should encourage others to take related positions in the interest of our children's future, however they may vote. I guess some Chinese may be better at this than Australians but who am I to judge professional or community groups who lack sufficient honest scribes.

Bridget McKenzie gave a great speech at the Press Club. She delivered it and answered questions really well, whether she wrote the speech herself or not. I had identified her only with her apparent support for guns and pork barrelling before. If she were running in Sydney, I would vote for her because Tanya Plibersek is never going to take an honest regional line about where most of Australia's wealth is created. Fat chance because of all the legal, financial and related party voting interests driving us in Sydney. Development is ideally addressed in regional rather than professional or party interests first, and plain language is necessary for the most broadly open, direct and honestly competitive links.

In the 1980s, I worked with other public servants to produce plain publications to support the aims of new state occupational health and safety acts. I may be the only person left alive who knows that a law should begin with **a clear aim and definitions** (a common dictionary). Legal prescriptions devoid of a clear overall aim may turn into longer and more expensive tripe sooner, when drawn from and applied to the particular case and context. Scientific development does not proceed like this, and neither can more democratic and informed administration designed in the public and individual interest. I also recall the theoretical differences between laws, regulations, codes of practice, guidance notes and opinions, as these seemed good and logical to me. Lawyers and their top mates quickly rolled over the lot in secret service to each other on their way to court as usual. Group housing also appears to be leading in construction professional packs with stupid by-laws. If this stuff holds your interest, and why would it, read more at www.Carolodonnell.com.au

I have just bought the Australian Women's Weekly with Australia's first Governor General, Quentin Bryce, on the cover dressed in purple and mourning the loss of her husband. I have also read Wendy McCarthy's autobiography, **Don't Be Too Polite, Girls**. I guess there are a lot of us old women who are on our own after losing key men or who still have them around the house. We might get together or not, as the case may be. Wendy and I go back to the seventies as supporters of comparatively plain speaking and writing to and in government. Internationally, however, I was a devotee of what Jane Fonda had to offer as a moral mentor, including when she married Ted Turner and was involved with the Open University, David Attenborough and the BBC, according to her autobiography. I picked it up second hand from a bookstall in Dublin after I had visited the Open University on a personal tourist trip after retirement. Was this God working in one of his more mysterious ways? I doubt it.

Nevertheless, please see the letter I sent to the **Australian Women's Weekly** below, asking for help to assist development of the openly competitive willing direction attached in the personal and related regional interest. In regard to international investment directions, I was also impressed by the article **Weiss' 10 lessons for tech investors** in the Australian Financial Review (AFR 12.4.22 p.40). His ten lessons appear to be short, sensible and clear investment principles from a venture capitalist living in Tel Aviv. All I know about him comes from this article by Tony Boyd. However, I would prefer to work with a man who appears to have such an open, clear and sensible position on his investments from the start, as he claims is so. Lawyers and financial advisers will soon take over the business again as usual?

Best wishes and grateful for any potential access to the Business and Biodiversity Breakfast speeches, as I request above.

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LETTER TO THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY (MAY 2022 ABOUT DEATH AND NIXON APPLE)

Hi Open Line

I am a seventy-five year old grandma, and have just bought the first **Australian Women's Weekly** of my life. Like many men, I guess, I have naturally looked at many others over the years in others' homes or waiting rooms. I also bought the first copy of **Ita**, long before she went to head the ABC.

I couldn't resist buying the Woman's Weekly (May 22) after seeing Australia's first female Governor General, Dame Quentin Bryce, dressed in purple on the cover discussing '*What losing the love of my life taught me about living*'. I read the substantial stories from cover to cover and found the Weekly very good value for money because it provides such a good read about so many Australians of diverse backgrounds. I offer you an idea for another story below. It is based on the fact that I am also making my will while deciding how to use my remaining years and estate best for kids.

For a story, could you put me and my former Canadian defacto of ten years, Nixon Apple, together under the heading '*Matchmaker, matchmaker, make me a match*, for example? I haven't been able to keep in contact with him since he suddenly left me and Sydney at Christmas 1993 to go to live and work in Melbourne. However, I recently learned that in 2019 he was honoured by the Queen for services to superannuation and trade unions and a similar national honour was given to him in 2020.

Meanwhile, when covid came along I wrote my autobiography *Power Loving: Everything you didn't want to know about sex and lawyers*. As part of the research, I tried to get in touch with past lovers who I felt had been keys to my intellectual development, whatever I had meant to them at the time or later. Given our separate histories, how would I and others judge or use these men today? I don't know in Nixon's case as he ignored me as usual and I don't know where he lives in Melbourne. My former husband, Rod, however, gave me a good report on **Power Loving**, for revision.

See more about these personal and public matters attached and at www.Carolodonnell.com.au (I confess that before Kevin Rudd came to power in 2007, I wanted Germaine Greer for Governor General and lobbied accordingly from my personal GGGGG campaign.)

Cheers

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