

GRANDMA'S QUESTIONS AND ADVICE ABOUT A FEW THINGS I HATE AT CHRISTMAS (WILLS WITH LAWYERS AND SPORT BEFORE RECREATION)

BARRY MCKENZIE WAS ALWAYS GREAT.

Match-maker, match-maker, make me a match.

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OPENING REASONS FOR NORMALLY PREFERRING THE SIMPLE, PLAIN LANGUAGE WILL TO THE TYPICAL LAWYER AND OTHER ONGOING FINANCIAL OR WILL STORAGE OPERATIONS AND USE

My main question is why would anyone sensible demand lawyers when plain language forms can do a much better and cheaper job for the simple will and community, like mine? For example, the **Medicare Organ Donor Register's** form entitled: ***New registration, change or removal of donation decision details*** is a great single page form covering a vital topic of life and death for the people and environment now and in future. The **Advance Care Directive of NSW Health Sydney Local district** also appears to be well designed so far, without the need for lawyers. These matters of organ donation and end of life treatment appear just as important as the matter of making wills and managing estates, especially in sub-contracted legal and financial contexts. I address these matters later and attached, as they affect me as a former NSW public servant and current member of State Super, including in any apparently stupid relationship with Aware Super, that I allege later.

I ask you all to witness my will because its form seems good for any who want to use it. Why bend to the increasingly associated power and self-interest of the lawyer and his wealthiest clients, using content they charged you to present to them in secret? (Gee, guys, you must be trying to kid me again about the need for lawyers.) I'd like to see all the doctors, writers and comedians in the family overthrow them at the coming Hunakkah or Xmas lunch. Fat chance? As I have said before to anybody who I thought might listen, I can't see why businesses or individuals of any age should willingly and unnecessarily suffer from the vagaries, costs and pains of their organization or individual capture by traders seeking to make their comparatively rich, closed and manipulative professional living as often as possible from the trading process. Doing so seems to be at the expense of other peoples' aspirations for the related funds, including for any who aim to support its key stakeholders, who are also its members. It seems to me that conventional male views unnecessarily limit the availability of much cheaper and more broadly informed market action, achieved by more broadly popular communication first. This occurs already in comparatively informative free to air TV, radio and newspaper broadcasting, for example. Surely free and 'perfect' knowledge are necessary for perfect market operation and also often appear most competitively priced. It looks like that across the world to me. (A lot of men are full of shit but will hide and lie until they drop?)

I address this matter later, wondering, for example, why Anthony Whealy QC, former chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeal and chairman of the Centre for Public Integrity

appears perfectly happy about the indivisible link normally made by lawyers between the right to silence and the presumption of innocence, in his article ***Lehrmann outcome shows criminal justice system is working*** in the Australian Financial Review (AFR 12.12.22, p. 30). Whealy discusses, with apparent equanimity, a case where a woman who was drunk claimed she had been raped by a man who she had been drinking with. There was no good forensic or other evidence, let alone proof of the rape. As a woman accused of something I thought was untrue and unfair, for example, I would seek every opportunity I could to explain myself to any accuser I thought was not totally below my notice because they were too evil, frightening or mad to encounter. Men like Whealy, on the other hand, appear to think that silence before any accuser is the naturally desired course of events in discovering justice. Why would anybody want a bill of rights under these arseholes, I always wonder. I hope I make clear that in wanting to find Nixon Apple, sometimes known as William, after his father, I am certainly not accusing him of ever treating me badly; quite the reverse. I just want to see him and wonder why he won't meet for apparently any business or other entertainment purposes. Is it because I'm an old woman or is that merely my projection? I've often complained about this kind of apparently closed shop by somebody claiming to be still in business. This is not a good look to me and I want to see Nixon before Christmas, if possible, to discuss future possibilities.

As an atheist, I find the commonly wrong idea of protecting populations by supporting and enabling more armed men, is the lie one often faces in a supposedly Christian state resting upon its trading and manufacturing, as well as on good transport and other infrastructure support, including for waste management. It seems corrupt to me that those who supposedly support a Christian state or nation and its institutions, actually offer their best protections, including those of confidential dealing and silence in court, to those making a living in armaments or similar product dealings, for example. On the other hand, any pleasantly assisted death is denied to old people who don't want to go on living in their worsening state. Our standards of living may increase continually. They appear unlikely to be able to be indefinitely supported by government subsidy, other than at the expense of other uses for any funds that are supposedly designed to serve most or all Australians in other regions or matters. To save the government or community money which may otherwise be spent on assisting all Australians to be adequately housed, for example, perhaps the most obvious economy anybody in government could try to make would be to support a pleasant death for all old people who would prefer one to further treatment or removal from an environment which has become increasingly unbearable for them and others, as they see it. This is the principal argument I would put to Kobi Shetty and Hannah Middleton who are writing in the Glebe Grapevine 2022 edition, in support of greater expenditure for public housing. They call for more government subsidised (public) housing and lament the fact that 'money comes first for government'. Sensibly they appear to declare war on social housing rather than public housing, because the latter operation is not normally open to public scrutiny. Many more may be happy to see it occur to encourage the rest in the interests of reducing housing costs for those who need but cannot find it. The norm is sending the cost of housing for locals up in leaps and bounds as usual, while off-site owners may make increasing amounts of money for themselves from Air-BNB or similar arrangements apparently aimed at richer tourists or others passing through or intent on their own upgrading for life.

THE FOUNDATION SKILLS FOCUS IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL ENGLISH SYLLABUS AND BETTER PREPARATION FOR LIFE THROUGH PRACTICE AND REASSESSMENT OF THE PAST (SEE PROUST)

As a former secondary school English teacher and lecturer to education students at Macquarie University and other Departments of Education, I refer first, however, to a common problem in Australia, in regard to the **'Foundational skills' focus of English syllabus overhaul**, discussed in the Sydney Morning Herald (SMH 5.12.2022). Apparently, in 2020, NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) review found writing is widely neglected in high schools. Apparently, the recently introduced new English course taught extended prose, poetry, film and drama. This seems good to me because all may be part of our daily experience of life, work, entertainment and vocation, whoever we are. However, I guess the usual guys' secret and adversarial approaches to management will rule the roost as usual. This is addressed in the attached discussion of the roles of jobs and skills transfer and more open development of intellectual property (IP) in regional Australian and global migration contexts. This services economy analysis and recommendations were originally written for Labor Treasurer, Jim Chalmer's, Jobs and Skills Summit in September 2022. There are more submissions on the regional university and related research and teaching institutions and digital platforms at www.Carolodonnell.com.au The Ramsay Centre courses in Western Civilization may offer many development opportunities of the kind which have been typically held up by the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) view of enterprise bargaining, protecting rich insiders best.

Discussions with National Party members and First Nations and faith leaders naturally follow, in the related regional and organizational contexts of my will and demand for a pleasantly state assisted death when I want it. I address some of the problems inherent in manufacturing state inspired views of life later, using Nixon Apple's submission to the Joint Subcommittee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade in 2001, that I found online, for example. Nixon was the Queen's and then the national honours pick for services to superannuation and trade unions, in 2019 and 2020.

Nixon was my defacto for ten years when he lived in Sydney and worked for the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union (AMWU), which was formerly known as the Metalworkers union. He left suddenly to go to work for the AMWU and Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) at Xmas 1993. I've wondered for many years why he has never replied to any requests I made for a meeting since. I write to you about related matters partly because the personal is naturally made political through the normal institutions of any nation, abusing any reasonable notion of human rights in my book. (Try thinking of me as Laurie Carmichael or Bill Kelty and see if it helps? What is wrong with Nixon and why won't he see me? Shouldn't he be discouraged from being closed off like this?)

This is typical of men and women, I guess. The former cannot bear to see opposition get ahead and won't deign to address it, especially when on the usual tools. Then they typically wonder why productivity is falling off when hedged by their narrowly driven, professionally and financially interested standards that appear typically to dominate any broader notions of community wellbeing. (If PM Anthony Albanese could meet his long-lost father, why shouldn't I see Nixon again, the man who once promised me undying love and then undying friendship? Surely this hiding isn't good behaviour even between colleagues, especially if teals and others can better help reveal the hidden hell that men may create in the bathrooms and drains of the world. No wonder they hate trees because they do not value them sufficiently well, so typically would rather cut them down and put in concrete, which may not help in floods to say the least. A reading of the Strata Management Act, for example, makes this huge problem of building control and management clearer and so did the burning of charcoal to heat water for tourists' nightly baths and showers all over Africa when I was last touring. (At least let me die sooner rather than later as a rich woman especially if I think I'm not worth it. Leave the stupid idea that many more informed people will willingly present themselves as part of medical experiments in the past where it belongs, before the Nuremberg trials. Don't take my right to decide away at this great age and tell me that as a professional you are more caring and so can tell me what to do to arrange for my death. (Bugger off.) On the other hand, father and mother may not have always known best, nor big brother. (Leave it to Beaver?)

I write here, however, as one concerned about losing writing as the most obvious way of developing skill in many associated fields. This appears best done through typing original stories or other content in this **NSW secondary school English teaching syllabus** under review, and regarding many other chosen matters, for example. Writing is improved through writing, and enriched through experience or reading in the written matter or both. This discussion of the importance of writing, claims its standard depends largely on practice, like typing, surgery, dentistry or any other skill. This is important as handwriting is becoming increasingly dysfunctional for good and cheap production, because no reader or marker can read it easily. In major examinations, such as the Higher School Certificate, for example, students should at least be given the choice to type their answers to questions if they want, rather than write them in pen. Students at high school should generally be encouraged to type their examination answers, as the alternative is to vacate the broader vocational field to male-dominated professionals who prefer to hide better behind secrecy and stupid numbers. I address the old-fashioned male mindset in manufacturing which relies on public funding and regulation demanding many different, secret and costly financial operations, later below. In short, Bill Ferris and the usual venture capital operations can go and fuck themselves in 2023 because sensible people in universities and other places wouldn't buy that crap. Tell Nixon too?

In 2001, I went to the first **Joint Venture Commercialising Health Innovations forum** in Sydney for two days. I also provided the forum with posters of a naked pregnant woman and a nude baby with research project papers to support the first principles of the environmental approach the world appears to need now, including to reduce global warming. See more at www.Carolodonnell.com **The Joint Venture Commercialising Health Innovations Forum** was richly supported by **AUS HEALTH INTERNATIONAL** and the Australian Biotechnology Association. I got in free because I was presenting relevant posters and project outlines, to one of the most illuminating events about the way commercialisation was supposed to occur for university projects, that I have ever seen. No wonder these guys do everything in secret because if anybody understood the huge risks they are imposing on any effective democratic governance, let alone on university and related individual staff reputations in the process, some would jeer the risk would never be worth it. I would join them but I was too politely fascinated at the time. (Writing has made me bolder since.)

NAPLAN results apparently show girls outperform boys in writing and reading, while the gender gap is starkest in writing. This tends to confirm my experience as a girl, woman, teacher and an employer in the NSW public service, intent on recruiting and working to provide plain language publications as only lawyers really benefit from legal rubbish. The article entitled '**Foundational skills' focus of English syllabus overhaul** appears to conclude that to improve writing, we need to get students reading more, and widely. As a student and teacher of university undergraduate and postgraduate students for many years I found writing as early as possible is often best, so one may constantly revise what one has written, or confirm it further, in the light of further experience or reading. I have seen many students eventually fail degrees, after many years of reading, reading, reading, but without the capacity for beginning to write or to finish writing any substantial piece of written work of any kind. For many people, men in particular, writing appears to be something to be avoided at all costs. This is expensive and generally unnecessary or undesirable in many cases. Let the writers write and suggest they start writing and typing early. The alternative appears to be to get lots of professional monkeys on the tools who are often expensively hidden and wrong.

As Richard Glover points out in ***Changing tastes keep us on our mistletoes***, in the Sydney weekend Spectrum, at some stage after 2001 half the nation got Spotify and said they no longer needed the gift of music, then they subscribed to a streamer and said they no longer needed the gift of TV or film. Others bought a Kindle and an Audible subscription and declared that even books no longer passed muster. Then they started giving each other one on one 'experiences' at Xmas in the form of vouchers, instead of other products we could buy ourselves. (They appear idiots best left to their own devices?) If writing is the goal, it seems clear to me that more writing is most necessary for better writing, and reading is a way of improving one's later writing. Teachers increasingly resist this approach, however, because there is a general preference for technological solutions supporting the

male desire for secret silly operations which may or may not become adversarial with time. Writing is increasingly becoming a method for linking and driving the interests of a range of self-interested professional groups, connected or not, without focus on the particular written message and what it might mean for the reader or writer. **I address this matter comparatively in NSW health care and NSW State Super and Aware Super fund management approaches later and attached, as well as in typically male manufacturing and related financial views on intellectual property.** We are ideally our own intellectual property, just as we are ideally our own genetic property. This approach to more effective and democratically inclusive service, which also takes better account of individual choice, may be found in the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC), National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and Australian Health Ethics Committee volumes entitled **Essentially Yours** on the **Protection of Human Genetic Information** (2003), for example.

The dominant and increasing belief in the increasing unimportance of better writing, has particularly arisen since the wildly popular introduction of the mobile phone and camera around 2008. I can easily see why this has become so popular as I've always loved movies and wanted to make them too, as a writer supporting a project. Since the advent of the iPhone, however, the grading approach to selling, appears reified in an increasing range of IT publishing, filing and storage products, designed to the supposed or actual advantage of the business of its controlling organization or professional body. (Let me state this as delicately as I can. These guys wouldn't know shit about intellectual property and the related right to call one's body one's own. However, as a woman and teacher I have thought about intellectual property matters through life, and about the ways writing may continue to serve the goals of the common state and estate, rather than undermining them. I have invariably observed, for example, that in any duo, the woman was usually primed to do all the family writing, because men usually need protection from that emotional, not number stuff.)

This is where Nixon Apple and I came in together. He has lived in Melbourne somewhere since 1994 and apparently is still hiding from my contact. Why is it so and is it just me? Is this the kind of behaviour you want from people supposedly wrapped up in assisting commercial approaches? I guess the guys think so and the girls are not sure. I write this partly because I've just read the article entitled **Girls beating boys in most subjects**, which refers again to the Higher School Certificate (HSC) (SMH 12.12.22, p.6). It states that a larger proportion of girls than boys achieved high ratings in male-dominated economics and business studies, even though a Reserve Bank of Australia study found female students had less interest in studying them. (The boys in law often seem nicer?)

In the matter of wills and estate management, however, the funding institutions of government, State Super and Aware Super appear incapable of taking their own service

oaths to members or residents of NSW seriously. They prefer to forcefully shovel them off to continuing lawyers and related financial interests in growing numbers as usual. These people are far from cheap and risk free. They appear to operate in increasingly unstable international environments that push as much cost and risk to us at the end of the line as they can on a continuing basis, before they leave the field to do God knows what and where. The international relations developing in this context appear increasingly full of financial risk and pain, when more broadly stable and openly managed states seem better to inform all our populations. In this environment I salute the continuing development of national and free to air media being tailored to the global and local development contexts, as usual.

The many great benefits of great IT use for faster, simple and cost-effective service appear typically overlooked or denied by professionals often also posing as our friends' parents at school or temple, for example. In **The Year of Travelling Dangerously**, for example, Lonely Planet co-founder, Tony Wheeler, ponders pandemic travel and next year's adventures (SMH 10.12.2022, p16). God knows he should know about travel, but as a hopeless grandma alone with an iphone, I could only agree that many should probably hand over their immigration technology matters to Australia for swift and effective entry and re-entry. As a formerly travelling grandma, who fears and hates new technology most, I agree that Australia is a fabulous technology entry destination by air. As at Palm Beach, one's spirit also lifts to see the beautiful water and trees from above, as the glistening essence of our comparatively free and equal country. (Don't let the foreign arseholes take it away from us? Remember DH Lawrence and Kangaroo? Note for reference that returned soldiers can have their down side? Forever a passionate English teacher my strongest defence is always of the canon. *"Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've lost till it's gone"* may be true in many cases. However, it may often be far worse if you never lost something because you never had it. Sleep knits up the ravelled sleeve of care, etc. etc. etc. Surely a truer word was never written or spoken around the world upon this subject since Shakespeare's time. I may never leave home again but I hope I'm just kidding. I've seen that kind of wild optimism before and it has often been in old men. To forget the importance of preparation for death is to be disconnected from reality.

THE KEY IMPORTANCE FOR GOOD DEVELOPMENT OF RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL SPINE OF RELIABLE INFORMATION AND RELATED ORGANS KEEPING AUSTRALIA ON DEMOCRATIC TRACK

Mine is the old-fashioned regional approach, because the professionals with commercial links are increasingly driving all our processes of business and entertainment now through what they call information technology (IT), laughingly perhaps. This is selling, and what they are selling is their desire to make more money with a lot less effort and commitment than was once necessarily the case in more honestly committed local cultures. In wealthy

cultures this lot proliferates and could be directed to much greater use in the public interest than they appear capable of currently.

In mine and in broadly and openly managed competition, what you may see is the less risk and more secure option for good development. The intellectual property is opened through the gift of good communications. (I began to really hate a portion of the left in Australia when the fashion came along for attacking the quality of the national mainstream Australian press as well as free to air TV and radio. Don't fucking come to me from fucking South America and tell us our key democratic institutions are corrupt, for example. Whether this corruption is so may depend upon facts changing over time, which may also produce reviews. Can Australian manufacturing and any of their related interests say that? I guess not but always wonder what they would say to my questions.)

I first address matters of unnecessary risk and expense to the national estate in regard to its written, as distinct from numerical product, because I think that writing about direction often lends a more helpfully clarifying historical and current reality, than trying to assess things accurately in numerical and financial terms. This may especially be the case for people who don't appear to understand the difference between the hypothesis, the projection and the prediction, especially when discussing factors related to risk management in the particular place with a particular culture or cultures, for example. I am furious that the numerical grading course has become increasingly fashionably 'exact' to accommodate the apparently universal wish for more scholarly status.

However, as I see it the emphasis on money being thrown at technological development and spread has generally become an increasingly invisible and undesirable risk and cost to the national estate, as well as for people acting as normal or abnormal individuals all over the country. I hope that university and teaching life in particular can rise above this commercial approach, in the service of us all. I tried to define all my teaching to that end and consider that the decade I spent working in the NSW public service in the 1980s and 1990s was my best teacher. The product as proof, however, may also be a deeply galling notion to any scholar, as it has been for me. You may buy my autobiography, **Power Loving: Everything you didn't want to know about sex and lawyers**, at www.Carolodonnell.com.au for example. Self-publishing is good as at least you know there will be a real person dedicated to pushing the book instead of trying to make money from the would-be author. Don't believe anybody who tells an author they should expect to make money, rather than spend it in the process of writing, publication and sale, let alone storage. On the other hand, Glebe is now awash with free books which are often enormously interesting, educational, enjoyable to read and available free from little cupboards along the streets which are often also overflowing with great book products. Baby and other rich writers like us should look who's supporting them and who they are supporting now and if it matters. What is the risk and do you need it for

enjoyment, learning and promotion? We are our own intellectual property. However, grandmas may have a lot more in common with the views of good doctors, with less danger of loss than with lawyers.

As I wrote to National Party members and others: 'As a 75 year old member of State Super, who is grateful to be on such a reliable, clear and regular pension, which is indexed to rising costs of living until I die, whether I'm rapidly going gaga or not, I am disgusted by the advertisement from **Aware Super** in the **State Super Calendar for 2022**. The dominant advertising trope from Aware Super, in a nation such as Australia, where industry superannuation funds are supposed to support members first, surely should not be as follows:

Are you making the most of your retirement? Learn how to invest to minimise tax and maximise any government entitlements. Meet with an Aware Super financial planner to understand how it all works and get financial advice tailored to your situation.

The **State Super** magazine **pensionVIEWS** is often very informative and interesting. However, **Aware Super** advertisement portrays the state as an enemy who one has a right to want to rip off to the maximum extent possible in law. I have never felt about the Australian state like that and I don't think workers ever employed by the state should be encouraged to do so. The Australian state gave me a good education, good health care and a lot of other good support and entertainment free or nearly free throughout my life. The obnoxious **Aware** attitude makes me sick. A page is taken up by an **Aware Super** advertisement suggesting that as a member of **State Super** I should book an appointment with an Aware super lawyer to help me get my affairs in order before I die. The assumption in the advertisement is that I will be given a good estate plan which should make me confident that my wishes will be carried out and my loved ones will be looked after when I am gone. I am sick of being told to find a financial adviser I can trust as I have only ever had reason to have confidence in a comparatively simple, known and ideal equation I've never found. Call me unlucky?

I have therefore researched my will and written it myself. It is attached for you to witness if you will. In the article **Important estate planning tips every member should know**, in **pensionVIEWS** (October 2022), however, we are told that using a **Do it Yourself** will kit can leave you open to the risk that your will is not properly signed and witnessed and therefore invalid. In addition, depending on the words used, it may not effectively reflect your wishes. From my research I can tell you that the average lawyer wouldn't give a shit about whether anybody had filled in the simple Medicare organ donation form and posted it back, or filled in the apparently reasonable forms from NSW Health nominating an enduring

guardian with power of attorney. I appointed my daughter in both cases and she is also the nominated beneficiary of my estate. After years of telling me I should take my financial affairs into my own hands, don't start telling me that I need a lawyer working with their unknown financial mates to manage them, after they have stored and filed my will; that they forced me to make and store on their IT terms; telling me nothing else is likely to be valid; while charging me for a process which is increasingly being removed from any more effective control. I will pick my will written with my daughter every time, like many of us, I guess. I note that Aware Super was the first super fund in Australia with a dedicated legal team that offers an estate planning service that is 'friendly, affordable and cheaper'. I'm much cheaper and free of risk than that as I usually tried good choices for my capacities rather than risk. This is because I'm not managing my own business by relying on others in secret and in a way which appears likely to rip me off through my own ignorance of the historical and current environment, either intentionally or not, while pretending to be expert on the basis of ideas about price movements and arbitrage. The financial filth will win every time using me, I expect.

One wonders why tax minimisation (which might be called tax avoidance if we had the money to find out more about it); or soaking government for more, should be encouraged in any population, especially one of former public servants, as members of State Super funds often are. As a teacher with more respect for common sense, like many doctors and other people, the financial imperatives make me increasingly sick. **PensionVIEWS** informs me that unlike super funds, State Super Scheme legislation does not allow for binding or non-binding nomination of a superannuation beneficiary. That seems fair and good for general stability to me but I have no idea how others may be affected by the approach or what is normally considered the best approach in any superannuation funds. **The least they could do for members, I think, would be to take the Medicare and NSW health plain language approaches to drawing up simple wills and give people the choice to follow their guidance in filling them in. Take choice from the professionals like lawyers and financial planners and give it to us as it's cheaper and better as well as being far less risk for everybody involved.**

In consideration of the usual and more expertly hallowed, increasingly global and apparently wild and dysfunctional numerical product under risk management, I asked the following question before the **Treasurer's Summit on Jobs and Skills**. This is discussed in regard to many issues concerning the continuing desire for professional closure and certification, but answer came there none so far:

How good or bad for the personal money and the rest is the M in STEM? How necessary is mathematics, and of what kind, to meet the key national need for jobs and career paths in the globally or locally linked economies of Australian states today and in future generations? What jobs and careers in your regional area are open to those who

specialized in mathematics and mathematical skills? Do we need them or others in Australia, for example? Why? How does any current mathematical teaching assist resolution of problems of climate change or its reduction? I address these matters attached and on my website in regard to real estate agents and property managers. This has implications for construction, manufacturing or other industry and environment management matters to obtain better results for the key stakeholders and others involved in any project. (Try to put the key stakeholders first was an eighties mantra which now appears lost again. Dear God this long march through the institutions has become incredibly long and boring. It's a good job we can all still be relatively well fed and entertained and home still seems nice and secure. I may stay home forever with my current technology because it's the only kind I can ever get to work and it seems increasingly to be an IT jungle out there in the commercial and government streams. God knows what the charities are doing but I hope others such as MP and Minister Andrew Leigh can offer some tips, along with the Samuel Griffiths Society and former charities commissioner Gary Johns. I thought that his book **The Charity Ball, How to Dance to the Donors' Tune (2014)** was absolute rubbish without good regional structure or understanding of any kind as far as I could see. But who am I to judge when others clearly enjoyed it?

As I previously wrote, in the 1980s, I was unaware of the useful concept grouping **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)** for discussion of education, job and career aspirations and standards, whether for women or men. I write as a traditional woman, whose mathematical thinking is unconfident and slow. I tend to avoid complex mathematics and value stable, simple, personal knowledge most. The professionals are ruling to make themselves more money with cooperative IT strategies serving legal and commercial approaches to peoples' problems, not the cheaper solutions they want and can more easily and directly handle at lower cost. The professional service aim is often to keep a consumer returning to the same or related place for more or related services, not to satisfy them with a single encounter. Our weaknesses may appear preyed upon and increased in such professional encounters, in which lawyers usually also play the most important and increasingly powerful roles. I address my will and project funding in related regional contents here and attached, considering the apparently unsatisfactory relationships between NSW State Super and Aware Super for serving fund members, beneficiaries, residents of NSW and others beyond these shores. In these covid-inspired days of defence and related global trade re-alignment, I particularly commend Penny Wong, the new Australian foreign affairs minister. Her recent institution of the new Magnitsky sanctions against top morality police and other officials in Iran, who martyred Mahsa Amini, perhaps, for wearing her hijab too loosely, was good. According to the article **Wong hits human rights abusers with Magnitsky laws**, (SMH 10.12.22, News p. 9) such laws allow the government **to revoke visas, ban travel and seize property from individuals who might try to hide assets in Australia**. This seems a vitally important and new approach to sanctions, which commonly hurt the very people most likely to be already oppressed by any ruling political and military iron wills, in my comfortably experienced knowledge watch on development.

Secrecy is merely ignorance for others under another name. Ignorance may be bliss but is very unhealthy. A perfect market requires perfect information, particularly in the absence of love. I agree with PM Anthony Albanese that high trust and high accountability make a good management and administrative combination. Collective openness appears as a comparatively good and cheap way to achieve it in many cases. However, the desire for gain through competitive destruction, which is the common nature of warfare states, enriches some to the detriment of others in any warring rather than cooperative environment, whether handled in secret or not. In any related global, regional or local contexts, I always strongly salute Microsoft Office email and filing functions, which are also supported by comparatively clear and reliable website information and comparatively reliable national broadcast sources such as the ABC and SBS TV and radio, as well as other free to air national media. Sadly, however, the construction of the will, including power over the equity in any related housing, appears increasingly in the hands of lawyers and their financial mates, whose goal draws the market up, rather than producing the kind of planned stability with managed competition that may benefit people in the lower end of markets, not the tops. The financial professionals are often driving for more broadly powerful top clients. They may walk away from any oncoming crash relatively unscathed, while picking up more money and property than as well.

SWIMMING TEACHING AND THE LITTLE EMPEROR SYNDROME BEING ENCOURAGED BY PROFESSIONALS TO THE DETRIMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (I PREFER THE WEA UKULELE TEACHER)

The rapidly driving forces of IT now appear to have wiped out any assumed right to reliable information or other product transfer between traders in many unknown places with unknown needs. In this context, somebody should tell Kieran Perkins and the Australian Sports Commission about the general problem that from any regional point of view, recreation ideally comes before sport for planning purposes, rather than being driven by sport. In 2022, authors of the current **City of Sydney Economic Discussion Paper**, working under the **Central Sydney Planning Strategy** offer the following vision for a strong and resilient local economy, for example. Their aim is to: 1. transition to a green and circular economy 2. build an innovation economy 3. strengthen our inclusive economy 4. revitalise our city centre. When consultants explored what people want from their city, **it was found that 86% want more green, open public space; 77% want more precincts for creativity, arts and expression; and 75% want more flexible work and return-to-office choice. Residents around here said they want campaigns to reduce climate change and protect nature.** They recognise the need to prevent planning over-development, and the need to preserve local heritage. They want good local public transport and are concerned about a range of other local matters from street parking to local trees. Dealing with rubbish (waste) is a particular challenge as we have huge populations passing daily through this rich

city, leaving their rubbish behind. I address the related views of Kobi Shetty, running for the Greens in Balmain, and Hannah Middleton later. They are apparently declaring war on social housing from the public housing perspective. That seems like a good idea to me because public housing is subsidised by the government, whereas social housing usually means housing subsidised by non-government social housing providers. It would be great to know which operations appear better and why from the general perspective of those most concerned about providing better housing to meet Australian needs more cheaply.

In the future, one fears that the demands of professional sport will increasingly rule the roost globally and locally because for many it is the strongest symbol of their regional pride and the competitive or aggressive expression of life, especially between old and younger men. God knows why so many appear to feel it personally when winning or losing has nothing to do with them. The professional approach to teaching appears increasingly to want to keep everybody coming back for more and supposedly better service, and this is very clear in how students may be taught to swim today, in my opinion as a grandma. The first swimming teacher's step today appears to be to coax the child to put its whole head under water, while wearing goggles, while never pestering the dissenting child to act. As one may imagine, this doesn't make sense to anybody who learned to dog-paddle quickly and safely, by keeping their head and hair above water, so that they didn't feel uncomfortable and frightened of drowning. (We may even like a pretty bathing cap.) When I have seen swimming teachers as a grandma, I have often felt this professional commercial approach, concerned endlessly about early swimming technique, apparently, is an expensively unhelpful approach to teaching anything. It superficially appears designed to give everybody the shits except the teacher and their more professional associations. In comparison, the Workers Education Authority (WEA) course on the ukulele was a complete delight because of the style of teaching where recreation and music appreciation were gifted to everybody in the room by a consummate professional using many instruments and historical clips of globally famous and forgotten pop stars. From this fertile soil which teaches everybody alike the keenest practicing performers may easily emerge from the crowd to lead the others. In my case, I was inspired to write my autobiography instead. I wrote it partly as the music treatment of the ukulele teacher had been such a great delight just before covid lockdown in 2020. I was too lazy to keep up the ukulele practice but I finished my autobiography in time to submit it for the **David Harold Tribe Award** at Sydney University in November 2020. It didn't win but there are many ways to skin a willing cat with or without money.

From this general regional and lifestyle perspective, the requirement for a four-year degree for trainee teachers, for example, also seems mainly inspired by teacher unions to limit the entry to the teaching profession and to keep its intake conventionally young and narrow for industrial bargaining purposes which also strengthen those already in the system. Any confident adult who has got sick of practicing as a lawyer or accountant, for example, could probably become a good English or history teacher in the first case, and a good mathematics

teacher in the second, after six-months training. The problem with any professional grouping is that it is usually constructed to serve the industrial interests of its normally commanding groups, not outsiders, however experienced and capable, or not, that they or the latter may be. This is far from denying the importance of standards and how to maintain them in practice. Certification must be understood separately from education to understand the normal place of skill in achieving both. Open operation which may be publicly seen and debated on the way through and in its product seems important both for maintaining and broadening standards of practice, not closing them off. The digital platforms supporting Australian research and related teaching and archival institutions are addressed on www.Carolodonnell.com.au under the Heritage Way sidebar, in my autobiography entitled **Power Loving: Everything you didn't want to know about sex and lawyers**, and related places on-site.

Unfortunately, with any sport but especially in football and golf, it appears increasingly to be the case of the professional and gambling tails appearing to wag the dogs even more than usual. Never mind, as we could be in Ukraine or Russia, letting ourselves be maimed, destroyed and murdered by the usual guys' disputes and stockpiles that always appear needed so much longer than expected. Do these guys ever appear foolishly unwilling to learn from history to you? It's good to see Foreign Affairs Minister, Penny Wong, is not taking the usual approaches to sanctions and trades with Iran which often hurt the normal populations and where men like Anthony Albanese and his football mates or worse, may take the normal opportunity to spruik their disgusting military wares as usual.

ADDRESSING NIXON APPLE AND OTHERS AS A NEW INFLUENCER WITH LOTS OF STUFF POTENTIALLY TO GIVE AWAY. WHY PAY FOR WHAT YOU CAN GET BETTER FREELY OR DIRT CHEAP?

Nixon Apple's submission to the Joint Subcommittee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade in 2001 demonstrates the general IT problem before it became entrenched on steroids to create distrust and productive dysfunction for the state and an increasing number of individuals, through their own unfamiliarity with the professional mediums, or through outright fraud by others. This is Nixon discussing what I can only assume are something to do with IT and funds. He discusses **IIF licences**. (Translations welcome regarding this obnoxious business practice of using letters without words.)

The other thing I would say about the early stage of investment is that the Commonwealth government's IIF licences have made the world of difference. We have now got nine of them. We have got \$360 million up there. That will lead to

investments in about 100 to 150 companies at the early start-up stage. My only regret is that they are largely in the area of IT, software, dot.com. There is very little of this going into manufacturing. Only one of the nine licences, Nanyang Enterprises, has a business plan where 40 per cent will be at the traditional manufacturing end, 20 per cent in medical devices and 40 per cent in IT equipment. We have been trying to get some interest from the state governments in establishing IT licences at the state level and trying to use them in particular; not just to build a venture capital base in their state but to foster those linkages between the manufacturers and the R&D infrastructure in that state. We are still not very good at harvesting the ideas in that infrastructure, getting them into the factories and using these IIF licences to get these firms up past the early expansion stage and growing rapidly. I think we should persist with the IIF licences. The second round of licences was very good, particularly the way you tried to get a focus on some of the regional areas— when you picked foundation capital in Western Australia that pulled in WA, South Australia and the Northern Territory. I think there is more that we can do in focusing some of these IIF licences on the regions.....It has been very difficult for us in the manufacturing industry because you have had a great deal of downsizing and tariff cuts have hurt. From an economist's point of view, you look at the peak of each business cycle and you compare the situation as it was in 1972, 1973, 1979, 1980, 1989, 1990 and 1999. You look at levels of employment and levels of economic activity. When we do that comparison at the peak of the business cycle, we have seen a lot of jobs disappear, we have seen a great deal of damage done and we have seen a great deal of job insecurity.

In *Manufacturer's Monthly* (undated) Nixon apparently writes the following as a member of the Australian Super investment committee: *There are two challenges that the Australian manufacturing industry and the other sectors will continue to face a decade or more from now. "In terms of commercialisation, there is the question of why we aren't doing as much as we would like to do with our inventions, ideas and intellectual property. And the second is that we haven't done very well in building a strong mid-market sector. Furthermore, he goes on to explain that there is a very small pipeline of new entrants into the mid-market in Australia and fewer graduating at the other end. "While there is no holy grail for how you address those problems, one thing that collaboration can do is to throw up some ideas and examples of the things that are working," Apple said. "In terms of collaboration beginning to rebuild the mid-market, we are at least seeing some runs on the board." Abroad – and particularly in Europe – some clever public policy combines foreign-direct investment in technology companies and the growth of domestic supply chains through collaborative relationships. The Australian Government assists businesses to overcome potential pitfalls through the Accelerating Commercialisation program, which provides matching grants of up to \$1 million and access to expert commercialisation advisers.*

What is a mid-market sector? In his article **'The card tricks all governments play with your tax'** (SMH 12.12.22, p.25) old timer Ross Gittins suggests, perhaps, that this 'mid-market sector' may be like 'the medium term' which is "an econocrat's term for the next ten years". As Gittins points out, however, these economic projections are not predictions but assumptions about everything going to plan to meet the aims of a project in circumstances which may also require changes in the original production assumptions over time. In the context where money may be collected but not spent for its original purpose of supposed collection in some cases, partly because spending it properly and faster is too hard, one easily may become increasingly cynical about the normal means and effects of legal, financial and related professional operation.

This top emphasis on IT development in the absence of an effective regional and organizational focus on its purpose besides making money for the venture capitalist or some of their other mates with access to funds is not as helpful as it might otherwise be, with more broadly understood and effective regional planning and knowledge. Besides having spent so much time trying and failing to contact Nixon, one naturally wonders if there would be any point in trying to contact the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Canberra Business Chamber, Business NSW, Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce, Powering Business Potential, Business SA, TCCI (?), the Victorian Chamber of Commerce or the Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA. I guess, on the basis of former experience, that they've got no email capacity to receive, let alone reply to any proposals. The question **'Is it because I'm a woman'**, always springs to mind when trying to connect with any typically male commercial mind like this. I guess they've got their old phone mates as usual.

"A key barrier limiting the commercialisation of new-to-market innovations is the phenomenon commonly referred to as the 'Valley-of-Death'," said David Wilson, general manager of the Department of Industry's Commercialisation Policy Branch. *"[That is] where a business may have a proof-of-concept or working prototype, but is not yet generating revenue. To successfully traverse this, a business needs significant time, connections and financial outlay."* Gee boys, tell us more about it and how I can find Nixon in Melbourne to get a meeting with him, preferably before Christmas. Any idea why he avoids my contact? Is it because I'm a grandma and he would rather work with those closer? Or is he sick or poor or what? He used to say that he would always love me so what is wrong with him now? Is it just another woman supporter stepping in? The relations between men and women can be a lot more complex than most professionals will ever willingly enquire into and I can't say that I blame them that much. (Please tell Nixon I can pay for any trip if necessary.)

Cheers and best wishes for any help with finding Nixon in Melbourne to send this message.
I've tried Bill Ferris but he's always been an important venture capitalist and wouldn't reply to a stupid old woman like me.

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