

Q. WE'RE THE FUKARWEE NOW DAN ANDREWS HAS RESIGNED AS VICTORIAN PREMIER?

A. MOVING TO THE COUNTRY WITH THE AUSTRALIAN DREAM WITHOUT LAWYERS

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ENCOURAGE SENATOR BRIDGET MCKENZIE TO OPENLY CHALLENGE DAVID LITTLEPROUD AS LEADER OF THE NATIONAL PARTY BECAUSE IT HAS ITS ROOTS IN AGRARIAN SOCIALISM AND WE CAN SEE THAT SISTERHOOD AND THE KITCHEN CABINET ARE POWERFUL

SHE WOULD WORK WELL WITH SENATOR PRICE FROM THE RED CENTRE AND ALSO KNOCKS THE SOCKS OFF THE USUAL MEN FOR INTELLIGENT AND CHARISMATIC PERFORMANCE. (I'VE NEVER HEARD OF NEW VICTORIAN PREMIER, JACINTA ALLAN)

IN THE REFERENDUM ON AN INDIGENOUS VOICE IN THE CONSTITUTION AND PARLIAMENT SPOIL YOUR BALLOT. WRITE 'NO LAWYERS' ON IT, NOT 'YES' OR 'NO'.

LET ME EXPLAIN FURTHER:

I enjoyed every minute of watching Senator Bridget McKenzie and Annabel Crabb cook lunch together and talk about politics on **Kitchen Cabinet** recently on ABC TV. This was a week in which the Premier of Victoria, Dan Andrews, resigned a few days later and when we have also had plenty of exposure to the fact that a national referendum will be held on 14th October 2023. This is for the whole Australian population to vote YES or NO to an indigenous Voice in the Constitution with a related body reporting to parliament. Women used to have this in the old days, when I was young, I guess. However, we can do better because the Australian Dream has always been without lawyers. We are swamped instead so the answer to everything always seems to be more lawyers. Just ask aborigines? These matters are addressed below, attached, and at www.Carolodonnell.com.au under the Eco-Development side bar under the poster for the **Memorial Dance for Mao-Zedong, 1978**.

Kitchen Cabinet is among my favourite TV programs because one sees the diverse and interesting backgrounds of some of our leaders in more homely and thus comparatively sympathetic or threatening settings. Having seen Senator Bridget McKenzie perform at the National Press Club and on other occasions, I believe this is the time for her to openly challenge her National Party leader, David Littleproud. I bet she would easily win and would work well as leader in that setting with all states. She probably has a better understanding of them than most men, given her personal and political background and work experience, paid and unpaid. She is smart, tough, and used to be a maths teacher. What's not to like as an antidote to typically rich and pedigreed Greens and younger voters who are usually living in university precincts like ours in Balmain, along with Tanya Plibersek, federal minister for Environment and Water, and Independent Lord Mayor Clover Moore? I voted for the lot of them but am heartily sick of encouraging lawyers instead of plain English and personal responsibility for thought and action, including about oneself and others. The direction of professional association is expensively stupid and expensive for the rest of us.

As a former shorthand typist, English teacher, public servant and academic, I bet Senator McKenzie works better than lawyers. The agriculture portfolio was apparently her dream job. In general, people are strongly encouraged to butt out of legal affairs as they are far too

complex for you. However, I write as a 76 year old grandma living in Glebe in Sydney today and guessing that we will remember Dan Andrew's government best for allowing voluntary assisted dying legislation. I predict a lot of us atheists, of which we are many and increasing in number, will want to die with voluntary assistance from registered killers in future.

I guess I am one of the earliest baby boomers who will be leaving a huge lot behind for the rest. I hope my voice is given proper weight, not overridden in the usual professional crush. That would be bad for Australia and others wishing to understand their situation better, as I do, in the interests of public services regionally determining manufacturing, not the reverse.

In his interesting article in the Australian Financial Review, entitled **Shareholder welfare should be a corporate priority**, (AFR 20.9.23, p.35) academic economist Richard Holden writes about stakeholder capitalism without understanding how it was briefly supposed to be practiced in NSW government in the 1980s and 1990s before lawyers took over driving the system in spades. The point of stakeholder capitalism in government (I haven't worked in the private sector) is that it starts with defining the KEY stakeholders (those for whom any particular program or project is undertaken, and those who fund the undertaking). Other stakeholders are expected to operate in service to the primary key-stakeholder goals of the final customers and funding organisations, which are typically in legislation and contract.

That's the theory but I guess in practice most were doing the same old thing, secretly encouraging more lawyers and professionals on the side as avoidance is in their interests. As I have pointed out to others on the strata committee, since around 1994: if we were the owners of a gold mine instead of four townhouses in a block of 18 in Glebe, we would be paid and treated like a board, not like a mob of stupid old women giving their free effort and rubber stamp to support dumb and expensive ideas, like those of Macquarie Bank in its closely related associations with strata managers, other professionals and the like.

In remembrance of the elections of the late 1970s and early 1980s, where environmentalists defaced their ballot papers by writing NO DAMS, I intend to write NO LAWYERS on my ballot this coming referendum rather than YES or NO. I would also be grateful if anybody can find me an address and telephone number for Nixon Apple in Melbourne. He is supposed to know a lot about superannuation and trade unions and was my defacto for ten years when he worked for the AMWU in Sydney until he left to work for the AMWU and ACTU in Melbourne at Christmas, 1993. I have lost touch since and would love to have any information leading to my gaining a meeting with him. I don't think Linked-in works properly for me. It keeps sending me strangers. **Please help me. (I'm reaching out.)**

My complaints against Macquarie Bank, made to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) and earlier to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission inquiry into retail deposit products, shows how one may assist transition to regional approaches to land and environment management, instead of pursuing very costly legal and funding operations which don't see the ground. Many may cut legal disputes and costs by 50% in year one by employing more people engaged in writing to assist others writing from outside the organisation for free or in paid full or part-time work capacities. This modest promise to cut legal costs by 50% in year one, relies on the fact that a lot of us can now read

and write much better and cheaper than lawyers can, particularly about our own matters and relations. Many who took the drug and business figures and IT options, on the other hand, become richer by unhelpfully dividing and screwing the rest of us while piling on their continually evading, sticky, confusing and dysfunctional customer on-costs, legally or not.

To write and act more openly as honestly as possible seems the best defence against drug sales and funny numbers, in the case of the supposed body brain barrier (BBB?), for example. Why don't you write? (The **Umbrellas of Cherbourg** made an entire movie about the problem that always makes me cry.) National Press Club speeches on TV, daily newspaper coverage and libraries seem good cheap ways of getting more information out to people who should have it. Everything in commercial history discourages men from writing home or anywhere else, I guess. Women, on the other hand, are often very good at it. I advise getting rid of lawyers everywhere better, cheaper people can be used instead.

Many land and housing matters arose for me through personal experience of the management of land and housing, as a home owner in Sydney living under strata plan 10775 since 1994. I am in a personal dispute against Macquarie Bank, now awaiting an Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) case handler's attention. If I adhered to legal rules, I guess I would feel banned from writing more widely on this matter in limbo, especially to those most needed to create better and cheaper systems for managing land and housing in group and individual cases, like real estate agents and other professional associations.

The **AFR Power Issue** on Australia's most powerful people (AFR Oct. 2023) states that Shemara Wikramanayake is Australia's highest-paid chief executive. As chief executive of the Macquarie Bank she took home \$23.7 million in 2022. I guess her mates on the board are higher paid still. How do people like this publicly justify their pay when it was Paul Keating's government who helped set them up? It seems to me that their actions with strata managers to create monopoly power to force payment systems against the interests of home owners and renters, seems almost criminally stupid or wrong to me. This is why I have complained to AFCA, as discussed attached and at www.Carolodonnell.com.au

Legal rule is wrong, as if the best place to settle disputes in an informed way is in secret legal control for as long as possible before court. As the world is full of people fearful of not emulating lawyers, or of getting more work, especially without more pay, a lot more paid effort supports normal legal practice than ever opposes it. This wastes time and money wrongly by preserving pre-scientific but dominant adversarial orders in many places, including Australia. Develop the self-confidence and self-reliance to be something better while having some more authentic life expression in jobs demanding plainer, clearer, more reasonable language and advice. Honest apology should not be feared as something attracting lawyers. Yet speech, let alone writing, is discouraged everywhere it may be thought self-incriminating or self-revealing weakness. I have seen much better, cheaper, written performance as a lifelong student and teacher of secondary and tertiary students.

The article **Poorer times loom without reform: RBA** (AFR 22.9.2023, p.10) has a graph that suggests the most productive areas of labour development are **Administration and support and Professional**. Surely these are costs to business and consumers at the end unless very well designed and operating well? In my experience these vague employment categories

often mean just another compulsory and wrongly directed legal drain on everybody more truly productive. Former Premier, Jeff Kennett and many others found that in Victoria. I address my own housing matters in this regional place-based rather than professional light later, through my complaint against Macquarie Bank, now waiting for AFCA to attend to it.

Key Australian land and housing matters are raised and questioned in this broader global, regional and local environment light, rather than purely in the light of the increasingly diverse professional searchlights normally turned partially on persons or objects since the Australian industrial relations tribunals were established around 1901. For example, Tony Burke, Leader of the Australian House, Employment, Workplace Relations and Arts, spoke recently about the latest views on industrial relations law at the National Press Club (4.9.23). He announced the “**Closing the Loopholes Bill**” was intended to close “*the loopholes that undercut wages and conditions*”. I address related matters attached in the light of the need for plainer language and greater attention to the particular grounds and persons on it than legal approaches can ever deliver, because their answer to every question is more lawyers.

For example, in the context of the coming Referendum on the Aboriginal Voice in the Constitution, I find that UNSW academic Ronald Sackville, a former federal court judge and acting judge of appeal of the Supreme Court of NSW, hits the nail on the head in the article **No camp exploits fear of the constitutional unknown** (SMH 23.9.2023, p. 33). He points out that the few who bother to read the Constitution, will find it an administrative document without relevance to current institutions and practices here or abroad, although Chapter 3 (The Judicature) contains the constitutional guarantee underpinning the rule of law in Australia. He also points out Americans revere their Constitution. It supports freedom of speech, the right to bear and trade arms, and the view that one has a right not to speak if accused of wrongdoing. Say whatever you like and shoot whatever you like while letting lawyers go on forever? The US Constitution appears dangerously nuts yet Americans learn to proudly promote it. The reliance on lawyers here is stupid and has to be stopped.

SPOIL YOUR VOTING PAPER BY WRITING “NO LAWYERS” ACROSS THE LOT.

The trouble with people like Ronald Sackville is they are so polite that hardly anybody ever gets the message beyond a few lawyers. In regard to the coming national referendum on an aboriginal Voice in the Constitution, I believe a YES vote will generate more useless and expensive legal delays and costs in regard to land and housing treatment or related matters. People have been discouraged for so long by lawyers against ever putting their questions and complaints in writing, that they commonly may use their fear of lawyers as an excuse for keeping themselves out of any work or contention, while trying to use lawyers in solving every problem.

One requires far more broadly informed settlement of the kind that the lawyers and their adversarial professional allies try to discourage and disallow.

instead of writing YES or NO to the referendum proposals I recommend you write NO LAWYERS to invalidate the vote. Otherwise, professional and party associations can further encourage laws and lawyers favouring more narrowly stupid or sharp practice in the dark. I address matters of the normal world journey from birth to death attached. Face them personally and in professional terms as it seems nobody else can do so on behalf of kids.

I will address risk and insurance in related lights in NSW for safety, health and housing improvement reasons later. I guess insurance may increasingly become more like taxation, in that it can only provide a very partial additional coverage to any premium purchaser. Otherwise, it will cost too much for an increasing majority to afford the increasingly costly number of claims and related premium cost rises. Whatever the case, this stronger emphasis on plain language communication and response rather than phones and lawyers, requires much plainer and more rational approaches to law than will ever occur in the normal key professional associations led by lawyers. This seems wrong in regional contexts with diverse and particular characteristics which also require better knowledge for better accommodation to their own environments or leaving others.

Surely, we should not wait for lawyers to take on our risk and charge us at stupid cost, when we can advance our case and do it free or faster, better and cheaper without lawyers. I first complained about Macquarie Bank to AFCA in July 2023. When and where will it end? This is a useful personal experiment entered into absolutely free for free open learning. The National Party states on its website it particularly seeks the following, and I do too:

- ☐ Greater investment in regional infrastructure that will create long-term opportunities and growth to underpin regional prosperity
 - ☒ Building a better health system that will provide more GPs and health specialists in our regions and towns where they are needed.
 - ☒ Bringing back manufacturing to Australia that will reduce Australia's reliance on others while creating local jobs in regional communities
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Start with services before manufacturing because that leads to regional terms which can cut professional costs by taking better management action more openly with affected communities, in order to monitor and evaluate project aims and their implementation.

As a 76-year-old Marxist, I will write NO LAWYERS, on my ballot, in this Referendum on the indigenous Voice. I think you should too. I tell you more on why in the attached historic discussions of current Australian economics, industrial relations, politics and law, with particular focus now on health and housing funding and management structures for better behaviour through a life without lawyers. Save time and money by picking sensible people, paid or not, who can write plainly and better about any particular issue instead. Scribes have provided this service to those who couldn't read or write for centuries, for example. Bring more of them back with mutually agreeable part-time work expectations carried out at home or in another office, with paid or voluntary commitment and expectations. Now the large majority of us have learned to read and write at primary and secondary school, as well as university, many should have enough confidence to seek to replace the lawyer with normal plain language communication wherever possible. Trying to be honest is probably safer, quicker and cheaper for most people because of the levels of stress otherwise involved eventually. See a related discussion of insurance as it applies in this state below.

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