THE KNOWLEDGE WARS AND THE SYMBOLISM OF DEATH: CHOOSE AS YOU LIKE

In 2021, the number of people who answered the religion question in the Australian census (the year after the covid travel shutdowns of 2020), was 93.1% of the population, an increase from 90.9% in 2016. In 2021 the most common religions were: Christianity (43.9%) **No religion (38.9%)** (bolded because it's me and my family). Islam (3.2%) Hinduism (2.7%) Buddhism (2.4%) followed. Up the Buddhists because a lot of them have lived under broad colonial thumbs a lot longer than us. This is to show the case for inviting a Christian near you to choose death voluntarily.

I love Australia for its national census, as distinct from the usual US lying push, they have the gall to call research. Forgive me, person, as the mandated covid injection that I had to keep me healthy during my vacation, has given me a huge new flu, so I stayed in bed and read and thought about the stupid culture that I swim in. I decided I hate the Irish Catholic culture more than anything else at this point and that we should eradicate as much of it as we can because it is out of touch with the new international trade order. Christians pitch in as Buddhists are currently doing poorly.

At 77 I can see clearly now the rain has gone. I see the obstacles in my way. Oh hello, it's fucking Denis and Anne. Let me give him a gob. God must have sent me because he needed to hear this even if he doesn't understand it. If he doesn't understand it, perhaps he could just learn to accept it, like Anthony Albanese and the rest of the kids they've had so long under the Christian thumb they think it's normal. What does Carmel Tebbutt think, or is she only allowed to have an ALP voice so she learned how to keep her gob shut, nicely groomed as usual. I approach Peter Doherty, the Greens and others on related matters. In my free, second-hand copy of Peter Doherty's book **The Knowledge Wars** (2015) there is a playing card with a King of Clubs on the front and an Advertisement for Kraft Vegemite on the back. I guess it wasn't meant for me but to the man who should have got it, I send it too late now.

I never lose a chance to help women and kids, so refer you to the article below and my response attached. I think the above Census data shows that there is excellent reason to invite research collaborations on the basis of religion and politics, as we have usually done, as well as language, for good enough reason. The Census data suggests more Buddhists are needed in this country. As a person of no religion, I have decided that Christians, and particularly Irish Catholic ones, are a complete pain in the arse as well as vastly over-represented in this political culture, and particularly in the ruling ALP and its Notre Dame supports. (Therefore, down the Christians, Up the Buddhists, so that the latter are up to the Hindus as least). Look where guns, drugs, God and Christianity have taken US interests, into total lying and concealing breakdown for sales. Don't go there. I fear, Baby, that's where they are taking you.

The arguments put later about the treatment of life, disability and death, which I also address attached, lead me to recommend an Independent state of mind, as distinct from a

New York state of mind re kids as usual at your coming elections. The comparatively well-informed and experienced are also valued in communication and their outcomes. Vote anyhow you like. However, this to recommend avoiding the lying and concealing moneyed response involving multiplying laws and lawyers.

I normally wouldn't vote ALP ahead of Greens next for anything, unless they were even more stupid than usual and they paid me, but what about Tanya? I'd keep her and sink the football lot and Anthony Albanese if I were you. Jeez wasn't he lucky he had such a great mother? (All mothers are great to Catholics so aren't we lucky? Ask Angela in the Albanese electorate because she knows more about it than me.)

For many years, starting in Nigeria in 1970, I have preferred Buddhists to Hindus. In my view, Hindus are often comparatively nuts with questionable habits maintaining caste, trading and chasing family expansion under the rubric of grandma or not. We have too many of those already for the good of future children and women, in my opinion. Also, if taught to be crafty at law as usual they're lucky. Australians don't want to end up like the US with pro- gun, anti-tax, Godly drug practices, plus lawyers. They are not only foreign but taking over our political systems through the kind of University College allegiances that Albanese represents in sports, etc. We don't want to see former labour standards completely destroyed in the international Christian push for babies for the races. To the stupid bitch who helped Melbourne boys get rid of Kevin Rudd, have another go. Anybody who wants a go of the bike should take it.

The article ''Macquarie's focus on four global themes" in the Australian Financial Review informs its readers that Shemara Wikramanayake, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Macquarie Bank sees four issues dominating business – her business and her client's businesses; the economy and rates; decarbonization; geopolitics and the 64 elections this year. These concerns will be addressed with their 'big listed companies and their institutional investors' (AFR, 8.5.24, p. 28). I hope this helps.

As a woman who always championed contraception, abortion, and the right to choose death for oneself, I now firmly barrack for police and not lawyers in football. As an atheist, I have always supported the death penalty where there is evidence of bad murder beyond reasonable doubt. I urge following the lead bravely taken by the people and parliament of Papua New Guinea, who actually appear to have listened to their women for once, and reintroduced the death penalty. Gee, I wonder how long it will take the Christian lawyers to get rid of anything so sensible. God, on the other hand, has repeatedly shown that he kills globally and indiscriminately as long as they are comparatively weak and defenceless. Lucky all of you with Christians as usual.

For Christ's stake, let us not be trapped by any allegiance to the ALP, which has always had a problematic attitude to ownership and the woman question, to say the least. In the next election I will prefer the Independent to the Green, depending on the apparent support of their office, unless Tanya runs. I forget which man wrote so rudely about Julia Gillard, but as a sister I could see his point. I feel sure Gough Whitlam would have been the first to point

out the ALP is still full of turds who are now even harder to get rid of because most of them are lawyers. Flush harder.

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ADDRESSING COMMUNITY HOUSING AND OTHER KEY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS IN NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW)

ASK GRANDMA WHAT COMES AFTER DEATH AND SET HER STRAIGHT AT NOTRE DAME BRING BACK THE DEATH PENALTY AND HELEN GARNER

Can't you think of something spiteful, mean and horrid you could do?/

Must you be so darned delightful? /You make it easy to be true

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GRANDMA DOES SOME BASIC GRADING FIRST AND THEN MOVES ON TO THE LOCAL

This is to explore a lot of legally related collegiate practices against those they consider wrong or corrupt or dangerous in their midst. Their alternative, which I have hated for years, is to keep the knowledge inside the family with a nod and a wink to intimates. This leaves a lot of scope for hating lawyers. Welcome, on the other hand to Nye Bevan's medico-legal world of caring in schooling, public libraries, the National Health Service and housing after Churchill. I ask the question, ''Isn't it caring to end one's own life, now that we have had more than we wanted? You bet your bippy it is, selfish sods. They will get over you.)

Self-chosen and state mandated death are addressed in related multicultural perspectives. I am an atheist and so was my family as far back as I know. Retirement phase funds and other banking and investment funds are addressed in this Australian regional and holistic light in which insurance practice and regional approaches to professional risk ideally go hand in hand. Just like Jack and Jill on TV, enjoying their Hi-Lux Toyota for now, these matters are addressed attached to save a lot of Australians and governments a lot of money through providing cheaper and better regulated services than markets will. Why not choose death? These matters are also addressed attached, grateful for some Alan Kohler and Helen Garner.

I have had little or no understanding, acceptance or trust in US government structures and Constitution for seventy years and I am 77 now. It is however significant, I think, that my distrust usually arose from US sources in entertaining ways. I address related matters with experts attached, but with an Australian focus on those of Alan Kohler on land, housing and fund ownership and treatment first. I also write from my ancient teaching experience of trying to get police and prison officers at the University of Western Sydney to debate various matters openly in tutorials. I began to see then that the collegiate culture following orders is stronger than the normal rest. (I give up.)

As a member of the strata committee, living on strata plan 10775 in Glebe as an owner without mortgage since 1994, it was great to read Kohler's book, It's Your Money! and to be assured, for example, that the key message about superannuation is that it isn't a tax, - it's my money. Kohler states: Think of it as your moneybox. You can and should, take control of it. In the next breath, he warns again about the risks of bad advice which greatly increases the costs of operation of any supposedly self-managed superannuation fund. (p. 245). Look out for this trusting problem older ladies in particular? How do you find an adviser you trust, for example, or are you perhaps used to trusting poor experts? How would anybody except a nasty, narrow, global monkey know?

I GOT THE NEWS I NEED AND THE WEATHER REPORT BEFORE MORE GRADING

Last Friday it rained as usual and my Covid vaccination had tipped me into a monstrous flu, presumably with castes of thousands who cancelled as they didn't know what else to do. So, as I passed Notre Dame University, I decided to go in and give my autobiography **Power Loving: Everything you didn't want to know about sex and lawyers** (2020) to a priest for his public interest and evaluation. I couldn't find a curriculum for Notre Dame Uni but I chatted with two young women to see how they might deal with reproduction and death and how helpful that might or might not be for the world in future. In policy, not to hugely encourage poor women to have fewer children, and not to discuss it, seem criminal to me. Let alone death. Financial incentives, however, go all the other way with our lousy Christian state. Baby, vote for Twiggy Forest because at least the fucking man and his family have lived in it and been there for generations, unlike the average inner-city idiot, for example.

I address Roy Slaven's excellent article **For Lithgow, too much nuclear will be barely enough** (SMH 22.6.24, p.33). Why do I love him? Let me count the ways in coal and iron bits. I prefer the Broken Hill or Illawarra as a rule but would bow to pressure as usual over whatever comes out of Latrobe. (Is it what Sim's Metal does, for example? Ask Dr Karl because it seems impossible to get a straight answer out of Wollongong as far as I can see.)

I accuse Christians and their politics in this state of hiding and lying about the truth shown in the last Australian census. It is that Christians appear to have the most ticks, but those with no religion have the second most ticks. Coming from international generations of atheists, what I have found most obnoxious about American anything is having God so forcefully shoved down our throats in communications wherever we are. Get off my body big fat stupid lying violent bastards – rich or poor, drugs are no excuse in my book. In this town I think we should follow the Papua New Guinea (PNG) lead and bring back the death penalty for pay-back killings of women and kids. (It's the men they are paying back by taking away their chattels, so men can destroy and call it defence as usual). Without the **Sydney Morning Herald** (SMH) **Obituary** I would never have discovered that obviously good PNG fact. As an atheist, I naturally fight in favour of suicide and death for those who choose it for themselves. Why should we torture ourselves? Let us save others time and money by donating our bodies faster to the state as a gift with no expense. Baby, I will.

JESUS BABY, WHAT DO YOU THINK THE LAWYERS WOULD FEEL ABOUT FOLLOWING THAT?

To answer the above, I naturally turn to the article by the famous old media tart Australian lawyer, Geoffrey Robertson, entitled *I mentored Britain's next PM. Here's how he'll do it* (SMH, 22.6.24, p.32). I give Robertson's article a B+ for a background briefing as usual. It

reminds me that while Britain has tackled notions of human rights with civil liberties law and civil service views, Australians have always been ahead of the pack, at least in theory, by having a public service, rather than a civil one. Our public schools are really public too, which must seem just too sensible for words to some in Britain. Our preferential voting system also means people have more choice in potential elected representatives, without wasting their votes. Our home is girt by sea. Need I say more on our comparative luck? In theory, Australians can move on more easily with the notion of a public service, because it provides a more clear and reasonable account of what government is expected to be about in comparatively democratic, rather than authoritarian hands, to serve the people. This is to suggest a SWOT analysis of the authoritarian minds and the self-determining ones you find.

Why I find Robertson such a turgidly gutless, legal slug, as usual, however, is because of a single teasing line like: *Under the "cab rank" ethical rule, barristers are bound to take anyone who wants to hire them.* A lot of responses might be made about Robertson and the single line and none of them are pretty. Amnesty International began to disgust me when it began to fight against the death penalty internationally. Who do they think they are a bunch of Catholic lawyers? (I will barrack for cops if they ever meet lawyers in football. That's the only match I ever needed or wanted to see. Roy alone has fulfilled me enough.) Sadly, Malcolm Knox and Kate Halfpenny scrape through with C- as usual. This is largely due to incoherent, confusing and pointless thought, I guess designed on some US sales model.

As a woman, I write as a champion of the written word to serve the people in changing times. This is assisted by related broadcasting, communication, outcome risk and fund management approaches being more openly free to comment. Open government procedures raised by Greens in Balmain and perhaps in overlapping regions are addressed later; along with their wider regional funding and management implications. In an Australian context, I have a huge admiration for Helen Garner, whose body of work has been so much braver and better than the rest of us who followed, I think. She particularly took an interest in what she was saying about professional men, women and children, from various backgrounds, living and going to criminal court in Australia. In my view, this is the time to read This House of Grief, again, as I did, in bed with the flu. It is an account of a murder trial following the drowning of 3 young boys when the car their father was driving went off the road and plunged into a dam on Father's Day, in Victoria in 2005. At the time she wrote **The First Stone**, I foolishly did not realise the stone that Garner threw was so against the prevailing professional wind I hate. (I blame the US and Indians following Modi and I have been trying to throw stones harder ever since. This is also harder when being polite. So, report me behind my back? You must be kidding. I address related matters later and attached before going into the local with the Greens proposals. All else that I was going to do on the weekend was cancelled behind my back but ACON turned up!!)

FREE BUDGET APPRECIATION BY A GRANDMA LIVING IN GLEBE STRATA HOUSING

Thanks for the **2024 Sydney City Council Budget Explainer** and for the capacity to download the **City of Sydney's draft budget for 2024-25.** I only looked at it for about 30 minutes as it is comprised of well over 316 pages, with substantial appendices. However, I greatly appreciate the organisational time, effort and other open action to engender broader global and state understanding that has gone into the aspirations for this **City of Sydney Draft Budget.** I thought about how the City of Sydney draft budget for 2024-25 appears

presented to offer some comparatively ignorant comments about it in the light of earlier experience of working in NSW government and living in strata housing on the plot, under strata plan 10775 in Glebe since 1994 and living in shared housing in Glebe since 1974.

It superficially seems the City of Sydney draft budget does not provide the benefits of program and project budgeting, which I was taught to see as crucial for good accounting in the NSW public service when I served in more equal opportunity health care, rehabilitation and risk management service portfolios from 1984 to 1995. I studied these further in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Sydney University, largely in support of World Health Organisation directions with a whole environment development focus, starting at birth. The Australian state government now seeks to increase housing density, particularly for low and midrise building, by land use rezoning. Up to six storeys appears the acceptable height, addressed attached. I outline the related approach to program and project budgeting which seems lost from state government, other than to return repeatedly, in a professionally frustrated form, in the requirements placed on strata housing by law and sales practice.

I note Greens Budget Explainer states that "with \$800 million in spending planned, plus billions in cash and property investments, the City of Sydney is one of the wealthiest councils in Australia. But affordable housing remains the least resourced part of the council budget. A tiny 1% of council's own funds are proposed to be spent supporting affordable, public and community housing next year, with another 5% to come from developer contributions. Especially with the growing inequality and cost of living crisis in the city, it is not right for council to keep collecting massive surpluses, instead of investing more in the community.

I address the Greens City of Sydney Council Explainer and City of Sydney's draft budget for 2024-25 in related lights, relying substantially on the economic work in Australia of Alan Kohler on personal housing and related fund investment, addressed later and attached in superannuation, insurance, banking and other funding and taxation, for example. I note the Greens description of what the Sydney City Council is responsible for doesn't include housing. One assumes, perhaps wrongly, that the Sydney City Council cannot affect the ruling maintenance and development action in the private sector, (as distinct from in particular understanding). This may only occur in the crucially late stage of open application assessment during the expected building project starts, with the work of clearing grounds, removing trees, digging foundations, etc. This may entail release of proposed work plans which have often been close kept commercial secrets for years. I see the utility of releasing the City of Sydney draft plan in such a full and open manner to encourage similarly open operational approaches in all Sydney Local Government Areas depicted in Figure 2, page 9.

In the final 2023 edition of the **Quarterly Essay**, Kohler wrote **The Great Divide: Australia's housing mess and how to fix it**. The problem is the increasingly fast-growing cost of housing. Younger generations appear to be going into larger debts faster than ever before for their education and home ownership, including for transport, or renting. Kohler's is a helpful historical and political economy account of a social and economic problem felt globally in comparatively large and wealthy cities, with more desirable land, buildings, jobs and services, than are common in many less developed or rural areas, for example. A recent Sydney Morning Herald editorial states: "We're richer than ever but living beyond our means" (SMH 27.12.23, p. 20) How much does this matter for future generations and why?

MY PREFERENCE FOR AN INDEPENDENT LORD MAYOR LIKE CLOVER MOORE

The Greens electorate of Balmain statement which seeks support for a Green Lord Mayor, to replace a long-experienced, understanding and open Independent, such as Lord Mayor Clover Moore, shows an insufficiently independent Greens position. For related reasons, I am not confident of Greens willingness, understanding, or capacity to represent all property owners in this electorate for example, of which I am one. (She does a small jig.) The Greens claim to be:

the only party brave enough to stand up against dodgy developers, big business and property investors, now more than ever before it is vital we elect more Greens to our council.

How could anyone judge them? Elsewhere, Greens' newsletter on "Protecting the right to protest" suggests that it is possible to know what is right, as distinct from thinking one knows what is right and preferably having some good evidence to back it up. The difference between the authoritarian frame of mind and the adult self-determining frame of mind are addressed in related contexts later. To understand the difference appears crucial for peace. On the other hand, as Redgum so eloquently pointed out, "If you don't fight you lose".

For related reasons I would prefer not to replace an Independent Lord Mayor with a Green party candidate as a result of voting. I didn't oppose Lucy Turnbull from the Liberal Party when she briefly took over from Lord Mayor Clover Moore, although I have never voted Liberal in this electorate or elsewhere. This is partly because it never seemed to me useful for better planning through opening up more broadly. From my limited view, Australian liberals are often yesterday's people topped by lawyers, who should normally be seen as such. They cannot open up enough to save themselves? (God alone knows?)

I have respected Clover Moore's independent and open government stances as Lord Mayor for so long as they have delivered comparatively well to the whole Sydney community, if not beyond, in my ignorantly limited estimation. This is mainly based personally, on experience of great new public transport, many waterfront and other well-kept parks, and free public entertainments such as Vivid. Other information sent by the Lord Mayor's Office also keeps us abreast. Rubbish collection has improved in our particular neck of the woods but many streets, alleys and other orphan spaces remain problems largely beyond my ken since 1974. In despair, I went to Pratt Head Office in Melbourne about it, years ago, but was locked out.

Those taking adversarial positions such as the Greens position appear unlikely to come to understand much about their adversaries' businesses, in my opinion, unless they are close and working for them, perhaps. This Green stance alone seems unlikely to help any greener development cause according to any community division over the use of land, water or related resources, for example. So, Greens should check out mum and dad. I always respected Green Office opening support and still do, in this revealing budget case.

Greens City of Sydney Budget Explainer states that with \$730.3 million in operational spending, a \$115.4 million operating surplus, and billions in cash and property investments, the City of Sydney is one of the wealthiest councils in Australia. Greens ask:

"Is Council spending the right amounts on the right things, including community spaces, parks, waste and child care? Are the fees council plans to charge for key services like hiring spaces, using sports fields, or using its pools, too much, too little or just right?

And with the housing affordability and cost of living pressures on our city, what more could Council be doing to support the community?

The Greens state: **The Greens think Council should invest in council housing again like it used to, offering affordable rents and an ethical, sustainable investment to improve council's financial position.**

The issue of who owns land and property, where and why; and how they see it in future; are all prior questions for judgment in any future budget development. By starting one's research with the family and local one can seldom if ever go wrong, as Roy points out in Lithgow. As Judith Lucy and every other teacher has pointed out, it's important to write about what you know, which leads naturally to mining oneself first, or mum and dad, etc. Why would you not inquire into the bleeding obvious question of how the regional connects to the local in your own particular case? This is the feminist question.

WHAT IS MINE SHOULD NEVER BE FORGOTTEN OR MALE VIOLENCE WILL BE THE LIKELY RESULT: A MESSAGE FOR THE FUCKING LOT ABOUT FREEDOM OF CHOICE AND KIDS

Kohler's book, It's Your Money: How banking went rogue: Where it is now and how to protect and grow your money (2019) makes the same point about land, housing, money, time and product that I too claim, while living on strata plan 10775. As an atheist, I believe my assets and products are, like my body, my own. People are not normally seen as necessarily in personal bondage against their wishes since the "no fault" divorce laws passed in 1975 in Australian culture, for example. If one of a married couple want to divorce or cut their financial ties, for example, they can and the state will support them rather than let them die as a result. (Ask Angela about it). Marry me, Alan, one might ask now. How easily can I ditch the contract and what will be the result? (These are great unasked questions, along with "Why would you want it unless you were a gold digger"?) A related set of questions are posed for journalists with lawyers in the family later.

A related local environment debate, discussed later, is about treatment of trees and construction interests on particular strata lots, whether absentee landlords know or care about these and other matters of sustainable development in buildings and vegetation.

I shall have no loyalty to any man in my account. Given a choice between a man and a child, I have always preferred the latter account because it seemed to me to involve a better duty to future protection of the lot. NSW law and practice should stop pushing me around and charging me for "protective" stuff I don't want or need in general. This may increase risk rather than reduce it, if looked at from a more informed view than the legal one, on the treatment of the particular place. State service provision is addressed later in this light where US forces have increasingly infected Australian state populations with stupid Godly drivel from afar, whether the latter individuals want or should still be bound by it, or not.

This state coercive control is a burden to me as a householder, living in strata housing, not a service. I also seek reintroduction of the death penalty in this light, under the leadership shown in PNG court later, before lawyers ignore it and go to higher courts for a legal appeal with psychiatrists instead. (Psychiatry – where one so-called expert judges a lesser frame of mind in his rooms, now on-line. What a joke for making money! I always preferred mother and Freud on defence mechanisms acting on the old id, ego and superego. See more on these typical problems of psychiatry being driven into law attached. I like Helen Garner.)

In the past I have tried to examine the fund management actions of Treasury, Macquarie Bank, strata managers, real estate agents, and others in our environment. This is so we may see housing in more broadly, openly and generally informed ways than are usual before death. This is when lawyers and accountants may drag everything out shamelessly, or rush it, depending on one's view on the outcomes of anything dubbed service which is free or billed by someone, on behalf of someone else or not. How good is this service to us all? I dunno, ask Tany Plibersek, our usual Catholic Labor representative with the former drug dealing husband forgiven by the Labor church; plus, the daughter with the boyfriend she saved who beat her up as usual. (The Catholic religion oppresses women? You bet on it.)

I address the City of Sydney Budget in a related regional light of council service delivery to housing and related institutional and commercial outlets to recommend program and project budgeting later. The Balmain Green electorate, the City of Sydney Council, and the City of Sydney budget are addressed in this regional, rather than professional light. This is to learn more about common disability, death, investment and tax concerns in retirement phase of superannuation and related fund investments, such as Treasury now seeks.

As a feminist I've always admired Tanya Plibersek for turning up for examination in general and particularly in the **Goodweekend.** Anybody might now interview their own family grandma, in a good death preparation light. Don't send them off to stupid lawyers because you will never know what happened. Open up to find out. This may be the most useful thing Tanya can do in her position, so unlike Penny Wong, the typical Asian female private school lawyer if you give her a scratch. I bet she would go down well in the army in the Pacific nevertheless. I owe a lot of my expert observations to journalism and pictures, reading more in than the rest. I'm sorry I can never do pictures and music the justice they so deserve in making us see the world more richly than before. Other cultural links are addressed again later. The keys are available in many free books, but I like Helen Garner.

TACKLING CITY OF SYDNEY DRAFT BUDGET CONCERNS FIRST

The City of Sydney draft budget for 2024-25 may well inform those most knowledgeable and interested in this regional context. Bravo. However, I have always been flummoxed by the expectations of making money, so have always preferred to focus on services and wellbeing. This Budget revelation seems nevertheless a good example of open government of the sort which should be commented on freely, in my opinion, by all those who consider themselves good with accounting, for example. I have fled from mathematics in formal study at uni. Nevertheless, I first make the points below and related ones about Balmain Greens later.

There seems little or no way for an ignorant elector, such as myself, to comment on whether the budget is spent well, or to otherwise judge it well in the interests of the people of NSW; except from a fundamentally limited and personal perspective of saying what I want to see instead, perhaps, in future. These amateur responses, like mine in retirement,

can often only be seen in limited personal terms, like the aggregated petitioning of God or Santa Claus, to be enacted in commandments in new or old law. I put my brief response to the City of Sydney draft budget for 2024-25 in a similar light. However, it is delivered free in retirement, rather than costing government substantial money. I explore medico-legal and caring relationships in their potential relationship to financial and other ones later, to support program and project budgeting principles. We have no need of PWC or others in the giant accounting partnerships. One assumes their old line is still thought so good to follow up in government. There otherwise seems no focus on how to bring anything about in real life on particular grounds, as distinct from on what we used to call paper. (It's always paper to me. More paper tigers, more paper targets? So what? Green action suggestions in support of better housing through electorate and related office research are offered later.)

It seems this City of Sydney draft budget plan is composed of many parts which appear to bear comparatively little or no relationship to each other. As a result, I can't see much reason why operational development expected under the budget should not happen according to the normal pace and direction of City of Sydney work, driven by normal forces of the past, shaping new money to their old professional designs as usual. I don't understand how accountants could judge this draft budget well. However, I think this budget revelation is good open work as a collection of aspirations and figurative estimates of their implementation. Such budgets have served the people of NSW comparatively well rather than poorly, so far in my experience of colonial settlement and in my comparatively short and naive experience. (I don't live in Ukraine or Russia, or Africa, for example.)

An observation on the City of Sydney's draft budget, for example, is that the Key Service catalogue (p.16) does not appear to drive the brief City of Sydney organisation chart, led by CEO Monica Barone (p.19). It also seems that the draft **Operational Plan** accounting does not bear clear relationship to earlier statements in the plan which appear essentially as aspirational guides. These appear separate to key organisational practice as it is normally expected and carried out. In this context, it seems difficult to expect anything newer in regional development, because the City of Sydney is beholden to state government and the other legislation helpfully outlined in lists of titles on pages 22 and 23. I address this later.

Insider trading up to the point of some popularly deemed corruption is a way of life for any who socialise, sup and sleep together, I have always assumed. How else would the more privileged women of my youth have found safe abortions or a way of killing Bob Hawke when he wanted it to happen? All else seems like covering up. Related cultural perceptions are made later about professional endeavours led by lawyers to the detriment of police and other community expressions. These may or may not be more honest with others and themselves than the normally adversarial and partial liars who ask questions in court.

For example, the article Little *Lost Girl*, describes the murder of Charlise Mutten. It was almost certainly carried out by her mother's boy-friend, Justin Stein, according to evidence in the article, although he denies it and blames her mother (SMH 22.6.24, p. 34). Links between violent behaviour and criminal killing, and their better community treatment on the ground, are addressed in related lights later. This is done mainly through reference to Garner's leading studies of legal and professional work, as they may be applied to women, children, and men, often with apparently poor and expensive methods and results. The

more I pondered Garner, and thought I understood her, the more I followed her up. This is because she represents a rural Australian Catholic big sister's, big family, view of life in the city to me. This is to reassert the notion of community more broadly and better. (The Catholic values which dominate Australian Labor politics, on the other hand, outrage me.)

The professional routes have also defied the commonsense understanding of the world and community. They appear a lot more democratic to me when expressed in good relations between members of the caring news media and the more openly willing community. I address the importance of the reintroduction of the death penalty for some violent crime later in that light and generally celebrate suicide and assisted death for those who choose it. I guess collegiate men and related professional women are routinely and professionally taught to hide, fudge and lie in the supposed advance of community protection. In this context, I recommend more open and voluntary examination of the normally closed shops. As a member of the bank of mum I recommend Greens ask the bank of old relatives to open up first to guide all related deliberations about housing before and after their deaths. I've tried this without much luck. Nobody will tell me anything much about it in useful detail. Let Greens have a go. I bet they would do well starting in Balmain, or elsewhere.

My observation on this City of Sydney budget, driven by its multitudes of legislative requirements no doubt, is similar to that made in the article entitled **Costello quits Nine board after allegedly shoving reporter** (SMH, 10.6.24, p.6). Australian Shareholders Association chief executive, Rachel Waterhouse, reportedly said Channel Nine had a slew of important governance policies, such as a code of conduct and Respect@Work modules, but there seemed to be a failure of implementation. Could it be, one wonders, that people don't like being pushed around by those who they feel, haven't earned it, rightly or wrongly, of course? I feel this challenge to my authority and choice over my own property and life on strata on an ongoing basis. Then they charge me for pushing me around in ways I consider forged in industrial self-interest which is wrongly and poorly conceived for service. The way professional feminists, building industry interests and lawyers work together to develop apparently foolish policies related to the pursuit of any "duty of care" is addressed in a discussion of local journalism and its networks later below. (Equal at home, equal at work on banners; positive and negative duty of care, my arse. This crowd never saw a total legal prohibition they couldn't use to make money for the families. I give examples later.)

I would ask the same question of this City of Sydney budget, that Rachel Waterhouse, the CEO of the Australian Shareholders' Association asked of Channel 9: "How do you make sure those policies that are leading practices are being implemented, and how does the board and management team make sure it's happening? One answer is by opening up to study and related action. I recommend Greens contact family and real estate agents about the location and treatment of apparently unoccupied housing in Sydney and other matters later because the fact that my generation and those older will die soon, should be a major consideration in any regional planning for future generations, either political or personal.

All the people of NSW live together on the same ground, subject to the whim of multiple government and community forces which seem both unnecessary and undesirable brakes on more openly informed regional development and cheaper cooperation. Secret budget funding, deployment and investment practices extend the assumption that insider trading

isn't a common way of political life, in which the most powerful players in the state have traditionally enriched themselves with government property or funds to balance budgets.

ON STRATA: GOING FOR THE OPEN, FREE, OR CHEAPER CHOICE, NOT LEGAL DRIVERS

During the 1980s and beyond, in another more powerful part of the NSW state legal and financial arena, a bunch of men were pursuing competition professionally, by making decisions for NSW people through "*rationalised pricing*". Apparently, this was led by Professor Russell Parry who was appointed in 1992 by former Premier Nick Greiner as Chairman of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). This was apparently in control over "*sensitive political decisions which any government might make over the prices of basic government services*"; according to the obituary entitled "*The reformer who rationalised pricing*" in the Australian Financial Review (AFR 11.6.24, p.37). Michael Easson, a councillor of the inaugural National Competition Council (whose family has long had Labor and trade union backing) wrote Parry was 'match fit' with Treasury.

I advise talking freely to Easson and others as I dimly recall that libertarian journalist Paddy McGuiness and others in Balmain had an interest in this area in the 1980s. I recall their flirtations with treating the electorate to related managements models in Balmain. I have little or no knowledge or confidence in the approach of these men, except for Fred Hilmer's work entitled **National Competition Policy** (1993). In my view, old fashioned and wrong legal and professional views of regional development and competition have increased costs in strata housing, also grown greatly since, around the waterfront in Balmain, for example. Sustainable development calls will be used secretly in law to drive up land and housing prices. Feminists and legal academics are addressed in related professional contexts later.

The centre of society has always been in housing and caring with transport to paid or unpaid work or other places being readily available or not, I guess. Our housing and related utilities are commonly experienced in this regional context where I am sick of being controlled by an apparently Christian state and design in spite of many of us being atheists or of no religion, as indicated in the last census. I guess a lot of Chinese feel similarly and that broader and deeper understanding of differences in caring expectations are necessary for better service to any Australian or other people. The private languages of finance must surely be opened up more broadly and clearly in services to a wider range of people than before in many cases. Most vital for service is the Kohler lesson that what I think I own, I think belongs to me, including my body and thought process, unless I contract it out somehow to someone else to manage. I feel the same about my house and garden. So, sue me and come in so we can at least all see the same spot. I admit it's not the Mona Lisa but it's a native tree, rather than a Chinese Hackberry, which neighbours ruthlessly rubbed out.

WITH REGIONAL AIMS AND DIRECTIONS FOR FLOURISHING, ONE NATURALLY PREFERS OTHER METHODS OF FUNDING AND RENEWAL TO NORMAL LAW AND INSURANCE PRACTICE. THE AIM IS ALSO TO REDUCE RISK AND DISABILITY COSTS

The regional approach is different from the self-protective professional and organisational approach because it naturally crosses many disciplines. The alternative is to accept lining them up according to their professions, more like soldiers or coloured pencils in beds. They are normally charged with protecting their organisation by keeping their mouths shut and

their arms by their sides, for example. I address housing on regional grounds and as services to households which traditionally have been composed of men, women and children as individuals with different concerns. These may partly depend on their historical environment and stages in the particular life span from birth to reproduction or disability and death through life and work, for example. The City of Sydney draft plan is guidance. However, I discuss codes, by-laws, and related guidance notes later to show how legal forces usually operate at an aggressively expensive and harmful distance to the particular plot while pretending that this is somehow more worthwhile service if constantly repeated.

This issue of tree and home ownership and treatment on private land is related, in the City of Sydney draft budget, for example, to the pious wish in the **Operational Plan** that by 2050 there will be a minimum overall green cover of 40% including 27% tree canopy cover (p24).

I present some of my understanding and evidence below and attached to support better and cheaper land and related service pricing; and to assist better utilization of existing houses and related resources on regional rather than professional risk management bases, depending on personal and organisational choice.

I treat suicide, the death penalty and the use of legal or illegal drugs in this caring context to meet the wishes and actions of individuals and to reduce their cost to all. Old, sick men, like some of my family members should be openly encouraged and helped to commit suicide, in my opinion. Why are those like Helen Garner so tortured by their desire for continuing marriage and apparently longer life? (When push comes to shove, I guess it's their religion, which is little or no use to those producing far too many kids for the comfort of the rest.) If I were a Zionist, for example, it would piss me off that Orthodox Jews may breed like rabbits and still avoid the army which the US has traditionally supported in killing others deemed collateral damage. It seems important to keep up all kinds of pressure against US reality.

THE COMMON EXPENSIVE PROBLEM OF TOO MANY CHIEFS AND NOT ENOUGH INDIANS

For those who value the national government aspirations, in regard to climate change for more manufacturing for more sustainable development, the City of Sydney open budget treatment seems informative and leading for the rest. Many business retirees from any sector, including politicians, appear comparatively old and quite well-heeled enough to work on matters they know something about openly and freely. Smile and ask nicely because young people will naturally do that much better than an old, alienated and embittered woman like me, who just likes staying at home, watching, reading and writing as a rule. I assume those like the Turnbulls, who freely turn up on the National Press Club on ABC TV, are in an age group where people who are well experienced in such investment matters could discuss or show information openly and freely. When you've got enough, it isn't the money, Stupid.

The Greens supporters should ask their own mums, dads, older relatives and older friends how they or their appointees are managing their retirement incomes before the inevitable fact of their death, and the joy or distress of what they might have left behind for others to handle. However, this personal exchange of formerly secret business knowledge seems useful now for any Greener or more democratic action and service to Australian people or those beyond these shores. It is foolish to keep having debates over building or greenhouse gas targets, for example, in the absence of shared property owner, government and industry

understanding of what seems necessary to change from secret professional and organisational collections of knowledge and line-item costings, (however arrived at), to clearer and more regionally driven views and actions, or not. I have lived and written freely under the yoke of strata plan 10775 since 1994 for example. I also recommend action on apparently orphan land and empty housing. There is a lot of empty housing in apparent need of repair and better maintenance to avoid further deterioration of the related places for living which exist around here.

In pursuit of this research action, which involves only voluntary speech and writing on all sides, I assume any ethics committee approval is unnecessary as Greens will seek neither to sell a product, nor to stick something into others' bodies, nor to do anything coercive or harassing to them, I hope. Perhaps give out a business card which says in big black letters: If you don't want to talk to me, tell me to go away. If I don't go, ring to complain. This would reduce the status of the would-be empty land and housing researcher but it would be a more realistic, cheaper, approach to life. Many might be happily involved. Try collecting free information free, instead of money as usual, for a change, for example.

The relationship between federal Green MP, Max Chandler Mather in Queensland and other Green or Labor politicians and supporters in electorates in other states is addressed in an excellent article in the **Good Weekend** magazine (SMH 15.6.24) by Jane Cadzow. The City of Sydney budget is addressed again later in its normal Chistian medico-legal state light, along with related strategies linked to cheaper and fairer management and production of housing. As Max-Chandler Mather sees it, and I do too, investors are competing with first home buyers and locking more and more people out of the market. These are state business matters in general, but Labor appears captive to its richest forces in land and housing management and construction, like other politicians as usual. No matter their political stripe, politicians have used their comparatively large salaries and related perks to invest in existing real estate, rather than being financially content just with living in their own homes.

Cheer up! Those of the baby boomer generation, and a lot of these kind of politicians and their hiding, lying mates, will soon be dead. As an atheist who often feels contempt for lawyers and their mates hiding and lying about their private truths with other mates, I welcome death. I have always championed the death penalty for certain kinds of killing as the best protections communities have; and I address the international leadership which Papua New Guinea law has given to Australia is cases of violent male gang pay-back later.

If the case that police have adopted in regard to murder of the little girl, Charlise Mutten, appears as true as it does to me from the account given in the article **Little Girl Lost** (SMH 22.6.23); I would strongly support and welcome her killer's murder by a state seeking to protect the community. Those who see this murderer as one of God's tragic mistakes, do the rest of the community a huge disservice by locking him up. Kill him. God is not in the slightest fussy about who gets killed. You can see this on TV every day, for example. Those who feel that God sends them only what they can bear, seem overly self-important to me.

It stunned me to realise, from learned Catholic speakers at Sydney Uni, that all God really wants is more babies for the races. Every sperm is sacred, every sperm is great, if a sperm is wasted, God gets quite irate, etc. as Monty Python pointed out when we thought it was just a joke. In this apparently idiotic but continuing context of Christian belief, it was good to know that PNG courts, for example, have taken the PNG community victims' view that they

have had enough of pay-back killings, where male gangs take revenge by killing and harming their opponents' women and children. These guys didn't used to have drugs and guns but have been breeding fast ever since, often encouraged by churches. PNG has shown great international leadership to me. The legally driven ethics of barristers like Geoffry Robertson appear in related lights in cases which still appear to hinder other "whistleblowers", like Julian Assange and Chelsea Manning, for example. They worked together to provide better information to the rest of us than the US army killing machines would like us to have.

The City of Sydney budget is also addressed in its normal Chistian medico-legal federal and state contexts, along with related strategies linked to cheaper and fairer management and production of housing to meet the needs of current and future generations. Labor appears captive to its richest NSW forces in land and housing management and construction as usual. Most Labor politicians appear to wallow in Christian and legal housing wealth and investment troughs they have busily been creating for themselves and top mates for years. Do they want to do anything except the norm? (I look at Anthony Albanese, Bill Shorten and the rest of the old NSW, Victorian football pack and doubt it. Liberals appear a lot worse.)

I recommend Greens undertake more open discussion on retirement housing and death management matters with their parents and a lot of other richer people, while also talking more to soldiers, police, strata managers, real estate agents, and others in the private sector who have much better information but who have traditionally been warned to shut up. The usual lot should be encouraged to retire and work or donate freely, as they often love it. Their paid work has been the central meaning and motor before we all got a lot richer here.

THE AUTHORITARIAN FRAME OF MIND AND THE OPPOSING, MORE EVIDENCE BASED CALL TO MURDER SOME KILLERS TO PROTECT MORE IGNORANT AND INNOCENT PEOPLE

Two key houses of professional thought contend in our state and in its supporting society and economy as far as I can see in Australia and beyond, having done so for ages. The first lies in a more authoritarian frame of mind which expects following particular orders in the absence of clear reasons. It typically expects the secret orders to be followed and resents deviation from them into independently informed study, thought, consultation and action. This makes sense if one offers oneself up to the discipline, as one must as a citizen living under the yoke of increasingly obnoxious artificial intelligence expectations. They exist to make money for whoever has control of the secret, lying, changeable, confusing and wrong shit which goes on behind the internet portal handled for its controllers.

In this growing context of distrust of "disruptors", as potentially just the same old US or supporting foreign liars, controllers and cheats that have potentially grown much stronger under another name, State Super and NAB look quite good to me, compared with some other organisational practices. Since the 1980s they have always paid into and out of my accounts clearly, promptly and reliably, for example. The alternative weakening position, reflected in thoughtfully continued education, lies in community recognition of any independently caring frame of mind. Money may not matter to you baby, because you live off so much conveniently hidden from view, and which you conveniently forgot. Open up.

Globally or locally, I expect each person to take responsibility for his or her own life, including by suicide and celebration of suicide to benefit others (perhaps in martyrdom, for example). Suicide may be a service but invariably seems treated in Australia as if it is still criminal and that others should pay for it. I am an atheist, but if I was of Islamic or other

faiths, this discrimination would also piss me off. As an atheist grandma, I naturally encourage a state of welcoming death openly and early if it seems a good idea to people who are old and seeking it for themselves, for example. For this religious state to allow the exercise of this personal choice by the old is very recent and likely to become increasingly frustrated under the control of lengthening and multiplying professional interests, rather than serving the one who wants the death service, for whatever reasons. This death service, if it seriously existed, would serve a wide need and save the aged person and their government and families a lot of distress and money. I am a woman who strongly supported effective contraception and abortion as protective measures for those who choose them. It has worked for Australian women and made them comparatively rich and independent. I urge the state sanctioned killing of certain criminally guilty men in related protective lights.

I have little but ignorant contempt for the supposed leaders of Timor Leste and other nations where many men may take the use of women and kids as their chattels for granted. In Australia I question what kindly men have wrought for us women in law supposedly by protecting the built asset I paid good money for and have lived in since 1994. Am I to be conceived as the owner of the property in which I live and work freely for unknown others, for no payment, or not? If I was on the board of a gold mine, instead of living in my own home, as I like to call it, contrary to the usual stupid blokes who think they know better, for example, I would be paid by the rest of the investing bums. I now work free for absentee landlords and others on the strata committee, whereas on a company board I would be paid for doing a lot less genuine monitoring of performance. I often feel like an Australian version of the global housewife trying to look after kids better. (This just makes me angry.)

If nothing these accounts guys do is ever judged openly, however, I guess it's just the same old crowd of business and trade union mates with lawyers running the gig in their own immediate interests, using their closely guarded secrets and lawyers to do it with mates as usual. In their desire to provide for their particular work supporters, they seemed to me geared to introduce a lot of costs potentially judged useless to business and by the particular land or property owner, maintaining normally rigid state commercial walls and expectations in place. Strata plan living, as discussed attached, provides a related and increasingly common example of market driven housing management which government is supposedly there to service in particular ways, after construction has taken place.

Manufactured products and services are different and services provision is often the business of government. Manufacturing interests which are authoritarian are leading because they continue to use their desire for law to ram whatever they want down the captive community gob. They typically act like they like projects large, rather than small, and preferably turning over on an increasingly fast basis to keep making more money. This authoritarian approach which government takes apparently to strata plan housing, is not service and it isn't scientific either. In fact, it often makes life horrible and frightening. I don't imagine, for example, that all builders now going out of business enjoyed the experience. When I was a NSW public servant, health related portfolios tried to introduce more helpfully stable risk management and investment approaches to accumulated funds.

Americans like Talbot, who wrote **86 Biggest Lies on Wall Street,** and many other financial experts are addressed in related global and regional accounting systems. Among many other problems in US economy and state operation, Talbot is appalled that only wages

appear blamed as causes of inflation. He points out that efficient market theory claims that investors are rational and assets are properly priced. If some investors appear comparatively irrational or ignorant, or the victims of lies, for example, this threatens key assumptions on which capitalism is based and justified - that investors are rational and the assets are properly priced. If the assets are mispriced, there is no efficient distribution of assets in the system. These matters are addressed attached in the light of Kohler's views on property and housing.

Gross domestic product (GDP) is an economic concept that rates both war and peace as valuable to an economy and refuses to divide the wealth of nations between the number of people in them. Free work doesn't count as equally good, whether it is done through love, duty or enslavement. This is a load of shit from the perspective of the global public service in which government supposedly exists to serve the people who elected their crowd of voting representatives, ignorant or highly informed on matters historical, geographic and institutional, or not. The concept of sustainable development depends on particular knowledge and planning which is openly global, regional, and locally place and person based, as well as operating under the normally closed expectations of commercial law and life as usual, led up and down with lawyers as usual.

Potential nuances of productivity concepts are addressed in this broader, longer, regional light in housing. This is mainly to encourage any more broadly open focus on the potential for housing as infill in any particular regions. As a member of the bank of mum and an atheist, I see death as real, and religious instruction ideally as a service to those who freely want or choose to have it. More law should provide clear aims and more openly simple and personal choice in meeting them. Because of its long history of prohibitions, rather than more democratic aims and intelligent dictionary definitions, law often puts more complex, unclear and foolishly expensive, secret, demands on us for other professions to follow.

PROGRAM AND PROJECT BUDGETING WITH SIMPLER AND BETTER COORDINATED LEADERSHIP IN SERVICES (ENCOURAGE OPENING UP FREELY TO MAKE BETTER CHOICES)

I address related strata and housing regulation and competition matters in the **City of Sydney's draft budget for 2024-25** in the light of the program and project style of service budgeting that I saw introduced supposedly in preference to line budgeting, in the 1980s. I worked in the NSW public service when new health legislation to provide services and pensions to people across the state and federally were introduced. In this process I learned corporate planning and budgeting to support service approaches, which may be compared in their carriage and outcomes to assist the knowledge and development process in general.

I was a Marxist feminist who believed the particular ground which contains the key stakeholders must be considered in services first. In this regional and place-based context for treating harm and distress through insurance premium and related funding and investment backing, I learned corporate planning in the state public service in simpler days; with clearer and less balkanised and particular intent at public service, at least in top theory. I saw such regional approaches dashed by industrial forces led by lawyers as usual. I discuss land and building **ownership**, treatment of **codes**, **bi-laws** and other secret, obnoxious and stupidly expensive matters in that light, led to God by lawyers and mates at work as usual.

I was guided in my simple and theoretical budget approach by the NSW government, particularly when Gary Sturgess was in the Liberal Cabinet office. This emphasis on program and project budgeting continued under Labor and Liberal corporate planning in the 1980s before it was lost later to many more specialised professional and community interests. Mine is not a criticism as much as it is an ignorant observation about approaches to budgeting and competition which seemed more intelligent in the past, at least in theory. Although I bitch constantly about the way strata management is structured and controlled by highly vested private and partial state interests, I can see the need for and commend this crude approach to producing jobs as usual. (One is naturally conflicted, depending on the particular case, rather than following law which has been stupidly constructed for the spot.)

The French say "Cherchez la femme" but I say find the owner first to start building. In the real world, as distinct from in expensive theoretical ones we share, I recommend links with real estate agents and strata managers in every local government area of the City of Sydney, to find out more about potentially available plots. Balmain Greens might choose to show the way in these related services and building directions, remembering that a service is never a service if shoved down an unwilling neck. Law without aims is generally the product of the authoritarian mind. If law has aims, then more openly democratic processes of informed decision making localised on any contentious place can better occur.

The National Goals, Targets and Strategies for Better Health Outcomes into the Next Century, produced in 1995 under Dr Carmen Lawrence, Australia's first Minister for Human Services and Health, was close to my Bible for many years. Following World Health Organisation aspirations, its budget intent is to serve the people with services primarily according to their apparent need. As these services have been increasingly designed and delivered by professional men and women to research their subjects further, led by lawyers, I now find myself scared to death of the lot, particularly Koreans doing eye tests in Specsavers at Broadway. What is going on? Baby, say hello to more machines for the purpose? How much do you trust? Many women trust far too much, I guess, pushing their men forward. Once given the diagnosis one may have an interest from which one never recovers. Professionals of all stripes have to make a living too, and government helps the lot wrongly I guess in many cases. Nevertheless, the caring professional is the best we have. Professional liability insurance and other forms of liability deserve rethinking in ways which reduce the personal need to depend on them for sustenance after incapacity in any case.

As a peace-loving Marxist grandma, I made submissions on the mental health of veterans and their housing attached, to argue they should be treated no better or worse than other paid workers in other forms of comparatively dangerous service, once they had left their employment. Following orders is one way of believing and behaving. Taking personal responsibility for an action is another. Related matters are addressed in health and housing services provided by the typical Australian state, funding and fund transfer types later. Trying to kill Asians because one believes in following orders, must seem disgusting rather than noble to many people, including me. Guilt, or shame or the difficulties of self-defence perhaps creep up over the years, and in such cases I recommend fast, enthusiastic suicide. Why should priests like Cardinal Pell be particularly held to any potentially lying account

when there are so many more genuinely honest ways forward for a mixed society to take? The more that old people who want to die are helped to kill themselves fast and nicely, the better off the rest will be. Christian professional views that one stays alive for others often seem wrong if the old have already become financial burdens to themselves and others.

Considering the good retirement and death, I address the Treasury and others attached on the Retirement phase of superannuation discussion paper (2023), the investment of bank, insurance and other funds, and some key economic works by Kohler. I find these works vital for regional knowledge and action of the kind which produces services to those expected to benefit from them. Key health portfolios, such as I have experienced and promoted as a woman, have long struggled in vain to introduce the regionally driven budget assumptions, of program and project accounting. I try again, like Santamaria against the odds, but as a Marxist grandma. Give my regards to Frank Coluccio in Wollongong, who has long been responsible for key tips as they might occur in regard to environment, along the Illawarra Coast, for example. (He sees a special significance in Peter Garrett and Midnight Oil but they are not my cup of tea. I am more self-searching, favouring the Northern hemisphere.)

Legislation should be tested in broadly open examination of the particular spots, not in accordance with particular law. Doing this would be more consistent with the medical practice of examining any particular body and questioning its nature and experience either by sticking things into it and checking, or by speech. The general assumption is that the person who is examined has entered voluntarily into the encounter and is the captain of their own body, which also has to live somewhere, as well as eat and shit. Most legal operations reverse this Western medical expectation with considerable and unnecessary delay and cost. This typical legal practice could never be construed as caring, for example. It occurs through multiple expectations of commercial closure on one hand, accompanied by appeals to lawyers and particular tribunals which few have much reason to trust on the other. We would perhaps rather sit on our hands, our land and our money rather than see it going out of our control, thanks. More broadly open operation is necessary for informed operation, as well as informed competition to provide services, the government mandate.

From this hopefully more democratic perspective which seeks more holistic service more tailored to the particular place and apparent needs and wishes of the NSW people, collectively and as individuals; I ask you about the expected financial and related budgeting relationships between the Lord Mayor's Office and the **City of Sydney's draft budget for 2024-25.** Other key NSW government legislation and instrumentalities plans for managing risk and housing are also addressed, in the light of the City of Sydney draft budget. I have long found many budgets comparatively meaningless to me, with the exception of my own. It has been well reflected to me daily in the National Australia Bank (NAB) and other reliable state procedures I have used for many years. Since 1994 I have experienced Macquarie Bank control of strata management in NSW and found their practices sorely wanting. (These controlling US arseholes appear out of control themselves and driving us faster.)

THE CRIMINAL LAW AND HELEN GARNER'S VIEW OF SOME RESPECTED PROFESSIONS

I address these issues in relation to Helen Garner's book **This House of Grief**, the story of a murder trial, to make related points about the poor construction of the legal and medicolegal state for service. In my view, police have excellent reasons to hate lawyers in court and this feudally closed and collegiate mentality makes the process of the criminal law more unhelpful, rather than helpful. Put simply it upholds the law without providing good service to the ground. This is an argument for more circle sentencing by intelligent people who are willing to open themselves up to risks from others who don't know or want to know anything much. Some of us who followed Freud and his related writings perhaps do so because they see such formulations as defence mechanisms around us and within ourselves and in communication; or its denial. Others of us just don't get it, like I don't get science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) but take their great work for granted.

Come to Glebe and God may give you a free book. The way you know it was from God, perhaps, is that it is just the exact book you needed to see next. (Spooky.) In my own case last weekend for example, I first picked up **The Knowledge Wars** (2015) by Peter Doherty, out of one of the many local free book cabinets. Doherty shared the 1996 Nobel prize in Medicine for discovering the nature of cellular immune defence. Speaking as the common grandma, you can bet your life you won't find it with a multitude of tests and drugs to fix you up. I also found Albert-Lazlo Barabasi's book **Linked (**2003). He modestly describes himself as "the nation's foremost expert in the new science of networks". Apparently, he takes us on an intellectual adventure to prove the social networks, corporations and living organisms are more similar than previously thought. I am tempted to add that this arrogant clown is professor of Physics at the University of Notre Dame and that the Christian Science Monitor loved it so much that it judged it best book of the year. (I can't wait.)

Garner's description of the criminal justice process, which must call an accused person either guilty or not guilty of murder, beyond a reasonable doubt, evades what must be bleeding obvious truths to many in court. On the available evidence, police feel forced to prosecute the father over his three dead children who drowned when he escaped the car, however it ended up in the dam. Yet Garner is threatened with contempt of court when she publicly states what has become obvious. It is that "only one person knows what went on in the car that night and he's not talking". His former wife changes her loyal view of her husband's innocence in regard to purposely drowning their three children only after he is convicted of their murder and in jail. He won't let her visit him or discuss the past and what happened with her. Since what happened seems unknowable, the bloke should walk free in my opinion. He is not going to do the same thing again, however it happened, coughing fit or not. An approach which cares for the community is very different from the approach which largely only cares about the lawyers' control of the court and jury, perhaps. In this context I view the introduction of a lot of psychiatric interests as a dangerous waste of community money.

I've often found men to be determinedly impenetrable, most recently in Melbourne, when Nixon Apple, recently honoured for services to superannuation and trade unions, hid from meeting me rather than discuss our shared past. (I swear I have little but good to say of him as a lover and professional, rather than a husband or father, but shouldn't he at least see me and read my autobiography, **Power Loving: Everything you didn't want to know about**

sex and lawyers (2020)? I'd love to read a lot more men's autobiographies, for example, but with families in them. What happens in their superannuation draw down phase and how does it affect their future generations wealth and housing, for example? What are they doing with their assets and why? Will you and they die soon? Surely all future generations should know, as we baby boomers will die soon with a lot. Does Anthony Albanese's current girl-friend expect to look after him in sickness and death, for example. How? I know Nixon's Christian wife is sick but she's much younger than he is. How is he?

Simple, honest emotional expression is women's business and speech and writing are risky to numbers and science, let alone men, their law and professional work in general. They keep their mouths shut while following their social orders, for reasons known only to themselves, perhaps. Garner's book makes me think again about how much I would hate lawyers if I were police. If I were subject to such disrespectful attacks by lawyers on a daily basis, it would really piss me off, especially if I was genuinely trying to do a good job as I saw it. Police are abused by law before life on the ground they supposedly must serve, wondering about it dangerously, along with others asleep. In my view, police are the first of a huge range of professional men expected to have no personal choice or voice or responsibility for things they have increasingly given over to women's control.

I champion the duty and right to seek to kill oneself for the good of others or just oneself, if one wishes. Helen Garner always shows her religious big sister, big family background, and I guess it sells books. I have Welsh atheist, London and Southend-on-Sea origins, and was an immigrant child in Queensland in the 1950s. I've always been glad that she wants to write about her courageous subjects in the way she does, and deal with the flack because I think they go to the heard of many increasingly dysfunctional legal professional practices.

Basically, in denying the right of atheist beliefs to be taken seriously, in spite of the fact that those without any religious belief are nearly as common as Christians according to the last national census, the Catholic Labor lot and Christians deny significant and substantial rights to many people who believe in God, but differently from the obnoxious lies that many politicians may peddle about their own beliefs to their constituents. Frankly, I've seen these Labor guys all my life. Their hiding and lying hypocrisy give me the shits.

In my former work experience, however, insurers are not constitutionally and theoretically a problem in the ways and to the extent that lawyers are; if given proper and clear direction about how the people on any ground may be served best; acknowledging and clarifying our respective rights in any apparent partnerships. This may or may not last through and beyond our personal and institutional life and death. On the particular ground, however, one often wonders how the practice of a particular law could possibly be judged productive, compared to something better and cheaper which suits the ideal owners and beneficiaries of the funds; what or whoever they are. Insurance principles appear actuarially and financially based. They get their feudal and wrong understanding of good professional practice in caring and serving from lawyers and courts. The feudally collegiate may wrongly dominate the rest in secret. Then they have the gall to call this a help to productivity derived through greater competition. They don't provide services to anybody but themselves and their cronies? (In football games of cops versus lawyers, I will barrack for both, starting with cops.)

National free to air TV and radio are gold services and natural monopolies, however, on which many Australian services may be built. To wreck them by preferring ignorance so more money seems likely to be made in the short term by protected sales before the institutional insiders get out and leave the losses to the rest of us, seems criminal to me. JK Galbraith had the kind of political economy approach many follow today, I guess. I particularly liked **Economics and the Public Purpose** but that was before the usual guys with numbers tore any broader understanding to shreds.

In related lights, the protection of intellectual property developed in Australian universities appears an expensively unnecessary and high-risk waste of time, given many historical Australian interests and international concerns. Give us all a choice over our own property in contexts where we appear less, not more, inclined to see people as property, ours or not. This is written in radical opposition to increasing the number of high-risk investment options that Treasury wants and that has already been the source of so much confusion, anxiety and loss in marketplaces full of increasingly ignorant investors, supposedly acting for their best clients until their business collapses. Pay attention to the risks and potential of caring, not selling.

IN GOVERNMENT, ADOPT REGIONAL APPROACHES RATHER THAN PROFESSIONAL ONES

Locally, one judges one's strata plan housing management and budgeting in ideally related lights, in which the budget is currently divided into an administrative fund of ongoing expected expenses, supported by a capital fund which is there to meet the expectations of particular project expenditure in future. This budget structure appears to make regional sense to me, except for the fact that professional interests drive the owner's lot, in their own collections of increasing professional interests in law and regulation, rather than recognising the key validity of any particular land and building ownership and wishes.

I have been retired from paid work since 2007 so the only organisational budget with which I am familiar is that of St James Court, Strata plan 10775 in Glebe, Sydney. In general, I guess we owners and renters of property in this place are not specialists in accounting with a lot of time on our hands, wishing to study this budget well and knowing how, in order to protect our owners' quarterly levies from poor administration or theft. Except for a valuable few, perhaps hidden, we wouldn't know how. (As a member of a strata committee living alone in this block of 18 Glebe townhouses since 1994, I feel less uncertain but still completely inadequate to making judgments about future costs to levy funds that are likely to be made upon this ongoing housing plan and project at St James Court (SP 10775). These are political concerns as usual which depend on choices made by men far more entrenched in legal patterns and controls than I am. Retirement incomes and related fund management issues of ageing communities of owners in the hands of professionals out to make a better living for themselves are addressed attached and at www.Carolodonnell.com.au

Cheers and good luck with all this as usual. (See related problems below and attached.)

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND BULLYING AT WORK APPEAR POORLY ADDRESSED AS WOMEN'S CONCERNS BY JENNA PRICE IN THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD AS USUAL

MEN SHOULD LEARN TO SPEAK UP MORE HONESTLY AND OPENLY, OR EVEN VENTURE WRITING FOR THEMSELVES

GEE, THAT WOULD BE TOO RISKY AND PROBABLY AGAINST THE LAW? YOU BUNCH OF GUTLESS MONGRELS ENCOURAGING THE WRONG FUTURE AUDIENCES? (I DUNNO)

I refer primarily to the article entitled **Wick's workplace ways are history**, in the Sydney Morning Herald (SMH 29.5.24, p.23) by Jenna Price, to oppose it. She addresses the report that former head of news at Nine, Darren Wick, has been accused of sexual harassment and bullying. A later article in the Australian Financial Review entitled **Nine Entertainment backs CEO**, questions TV culture and refers again to Mr Wick's situation. He ran Channel 9 news and current affairs for 13 years and is now accused by staff of lecherous behaviour.

Price appears to want a future where women and men at work spend most of their time acting like a box of coloured pencils, or accusing each other more equally and expensively of sexual harassment or bullying as usual. This woman, Jenna Price, who appears superficially convincing, is actually dangerously nuts. She often seems to think all men may be out to get her, or other women, except for a few good ones around her, like her current husband and some at work. What makes her special for a start? Why does she assume the best of those closest to her? I explore related matters below and attached to question her position.

Price states, for example: "we should have workplace bonk bans. Sure, shag who you want on your own time but when you are doing it with a person who is professionally beneath you, it brings all manner of trouble". This is essentially an ageing woman most concerned about keeping the normal status hierarchies in place, both personally and as broadly as possible, through her failing academic and journalistic position, in my opinion. The idea of a "bonk ban" is most offensive as marriage to the boss has probably done as much or more to correct lack of social mobility for younger, poorer, women than higher education has. The woman who meets and marries her man at Law School or around it is the Price model. This is helping to rapidly increase the many conflicting expectations driving women. Suck it up?

See related advice to the construction, forestry, mining, manufacturing, engineering unions and other professional associations attached. I recall their stupid CFMMEU slogan at Barangaroo, about ten or more years ago: **Equal at Home. Equal at Work**. What a pile of shit on ten-foot-high banners on the cliff face as usual. Who wrote the slogan, Bill Kelty? Surely the truth is that we are not equal at home or at work for excellent reason. Some of us earn money and others spend it, either on themselves or others. Some of us are older and more experienced than others in the business of life. Some work for nothing for years. As I said of that slogan at the time: What do you think you are – a bunch of little girls?

Given her age and sex, Price could perhaps write better about the problems of dying and inheritance around her and others instead of this focus on sexual harassment and bullying, possibly because she considers herself to be long past it at work. She would then be helping baby boomers and any others who need more open and better help than usual, for

example. However, Price remains clinging to career as if she can never move on to the fact that women and men face death, whether they want to face it after their own decline, however they deem it, or not. One seeks to correct this is related petitions attached.

According to Price, quoting Karen O'Connell, a professor of law at Sydney University of Technology (UTS) a "positive duty of care" is to be introduced in law. Apparently, "The law says employers have a positive duty to protect staff. In the past, they have had to rely on individuals to speak up". According to the article: "men will need to have a set of skills and a set of values that their employers need them to meet. And men will not be permitted to succeed unless they know how to treat people equally". (The mind boggles at the resources this program may easily tie up away from what others might see as more important work.)

Is this a world where a positive and negative duty of care, are both envisaged, one wonders? Why isn't a simple duty of care to those at one's workplace and beyond it, enough for anybody? Surely women and men must learn equally to speak up if something offends them personally? How else could they ever be expected to speak up if they see wrong done to anybody else? How else could the world advance equally, let alone in any more mutually caring fashion otherwise? (Rosie Batty clearly has that courage in defending and spreading her own truth tirelessly, and so must be greatly admired as a teacher, I think.)

To treat people equally, surely one starts with the expectation that they will try to speak up and tell their truth to each other, or as widely as possible, if they view this as necessary or interesting. Informed consent is generally the best kind to avoid ignorant consent or future avoidance which leads to lawyers if forced. I have no idea how any army or police or related emergency crews fit into any regional management and employment picture, paid or on related terms. Intellectual property is addressed in regional lights and on particular grounds to seek free donation to the cause of broadening knowledge production and entertainment.

I write as a 77-year-old woman, who has seen how feminism has advanced and been shaped for increased market trading, mainly through protective government interventions which have favoured commercially legal positions, old and new, since I was a girl. The fact that so many younger women became lawyers or began to work in associated positions, where the protection of intellectual property remained the expected legal norm, has seemed horrendously wasteful of other equal or greater talent in understanding and writing to me.

The capacity and freedom to speak up or write honestly, at any organisational level, are also the marks of more knowledgeable and effective operation on the whole, in my opinion. The alternative, which appears endorsed by Price and O'Connell, seems to be that women and men at work will become increasingly busily, darkly and expensively involved in accusing each other of sexual harassment and bullying instead of doing other work for which they are being paid, ultimately by taxpayers, or by some private establishment, large or small.

I think women and men should take more equal responsibility for their own lives and for the lives of others, including in speech and sexual expression; taking into account their relative ages and positions. That is necessary to live well with oneself as well as with any significant others in any reasonably good society, in my experience, lucky or not. Price and her associates cannot afford to see the position of women and men equally enough to go

forward better. They appear to be ideologues championing women and lawyers as usual. They may be easily used by more powerful building and manufacturing industry forces or others seeking to trade up legally as usual. Related discussions appear below and attached.

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