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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: BERNARD GAYNOR REPORTS FROM THE FRONT LINE:

Today I will return to the Federal Court.

The Chief of Defence Force is appealing against the Court's decision handed down last December that found his decision to 'sack' me was unlawful. In one sense, this case now matters very little to me personally. I have resigned from the Army Reserve in order to contest the next election with the Australian Liberty Alliance. If I win in court again there will be no 'job' at the end of the tunnel anyway. But in another sense, this case is hugely important, not just to me but all Australians.

This case not only has the potential to protect the rights of all Australians from government departments and big businesses seeking to silence unwanted political expressions, but it has already smashed a huge dent in anti-free speech laws like s.18C of the Racial Discrimination Act. The legal groundwork has now been laid to see these laws challenged and thrown out in the High Court. I am very proud to have played a part in that process.

In essence, this case is about political slavery: it's not just about whether a boss can sack a worker because they express political views in their own time that they disagree with. It's about whether the boss can do it, even though they have willingly become political players themselves and used an organisation like the Australian Defence Force to support an issue like homosexual marriage or to promote ideas like government-funded imams.

I admit to speaking my mind. But I always did it in my private capacity. And I served this nation to ensure that all Australians had the freedom to do this. I heavily criticised the Chief of Defence Force for his decision to allow uniformed Defence members to march at the Sydney Mardi Gras. I also pointed out that this breached Defence's policy prohibiting uniformed attendance at events of a political nature and its policies on unacceptable behaviour. I also spoke about the threat Islam poses to our Western Christian society – including the Australian Defence Force. And then I was sacked while my evidence was never formally investigated, although Defence did admit that soldiers would not be allowed to participate in the Mardi Gras if it vilified Mohammad in the same way it did Jesus Christ. I was investigated though.

However, every inquiry into my conduct found in my favour. At the end of the day, the Chief of Defence Force was left with no reason to sack me other than because he made a decision based 'on his own view' that my conduct was unacceptable.

Australians should be alarmed that our Defence Force is marching in political protests against extant government policy. They should be alarmed that its senior officers are using the legal system to seek the right to sack those who express 'politically inconvenient' views. And they should be even more alarmed at recent developments.

Three years ago there was a lawful general order prohibiting uniformed political activity in the Australian Defence Force. After Defence sacked me, this changed. This order has gone entirely. It has been replaced with a policy manual that states political activity is off limits unless approved by the Chief of Defence Force or Service Chiefs. This policy has been changed in order to 'make lawful' participation in the Sydney Mardi Gras. It means the Australian Defence Force is now very political and that Defence members can officially engage in political activity, provided their views are supported by the highest ranking officers in Australia.

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(continued from previous page) It explains why no disciplinary action has been taken against the Chief of Navy's Islamic Advisor after she tweeted from an official Navy Twitter account that the Australian Liberty Alliance was a fringe group threatening community cohesion.

I will do all that I can to ensure that the legal victory obtained last year is defended. And I will do all that I can to ensure that the hierarchy of the Australian Defence Force are held to account in our parliament.

I thank you for your support and assistance since this battle began in early 2013. I could not have even fought this case without the generosity of many thousands of Australians. Many have donated and I have not yet thanked them personally. For this I continue to apologise.

The last few weeks have indeed been stressful. A great deal of preparatory work has gone into this case. On Monday we had an initial hearing that resulted in the recusal* of one judge from the panel: she is a member of the Australian Defence Force and therefore under the command of the Chief of Defence Force.

** recusal - an objection to a judge as prejudiced causing withdrawal from the case*

I know that some who have supported me are uncomfortable with my Catholic beliefs. I thank you

for your support which has helped to defend freedom. However, the day I give up or hide my beliefs to increase support is the day that I will become like any other politician. That is the day that you should cease supporting me.

For those who are willing, I do ask a favour over the next nine days. Please pray this very Catholic prayer for me, for my humility and for God's greater honour and glory:

O God, who has appointed Mary, Help of Christians; St Francis Xavier, and St Teresa of the Infant Jesus Patrons of Australia; grant that, through their intercession, our brethren outside the Church may receive the light of faith, so that Australia may become one in faith under one shepherd, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Francis Xavier, pray for us.

St Teresa of the Infant Jesus, pray for us.

Finally, as I head into battle again, I thank my wife who has stood patiently, tirelessly and steadfastly by my side.

Bernard Gaynor

Christ is our king!

WHITE MALE ANGLO SAXONS AND SECTION 18C by Ian Wilson LL.B.

Two students, who are subject to a racial vilification claim, have accused the Human Rights commission of "recklessly" breaching their human rights. (*The Australian*, April 30-May 1, 2016,p.5)

The case in question is the Queensland University of Technology case where a worker barred the two white students from a computer room. The worker lodged a racial vilification case seeking \$250,000 from the QUT and the two students.

The two students are seeking a formal apology from the Human Rights Commission, plus costs, saying that the Commission treated them with "flagrant indifference" because they are "White Anglo-Saxon heterosexual citizens who maintain a male gender identity".

These students were not told for at least 14 months that they had been accused of a breach of section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act, and consequently were told only days before the order to attend a conciliation conference run by the Commission.

The students have appealed to politicians to repeal section 18 C. Tony Abbott has said that failing to repeal section 18 C was one of the key decisions for his downfall as PM. He is quoted in *The Australian* of April

29, 2016 as saying:

"Section 18 C... Is clearly a bad law. Our debates should be polite but they should never be guaranteed not to offend... With hindsight, I should have persisted with a simpler amendment along the lines of Senator Bob Days later private members bill".

Of course he did not and caved in to pressure from the ethnic lobby. He didn't even put up a fight in defence of free speech, the fundamental liberal value.

The QUT case is just the tip of the iceberg Simon Breheny notes:

The IPA lodged a freedom of information request with the Human Rights Commission and found that there are another 18 complaints under consideration.

Apparently last financial year the Commission received 440 complaints, with only around 3% ending in court proceedings. Those other 97% are shrouded in secrecy.

It is time for all of this to end. The free speech issue would be a good issue for a new political party aiming to rescue our freedoms.

Let us repeal section 18 C and close down the Human Rights Commission, just to start the ball rolling. ***

WE NEED TO FIX THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM FIRST

I see that Warren Mundine wants the main political parties to 'come clean' on the financial mess this country is in.

Well before this can happen we need the main political parties to 'come clean' about just how the financial system works – not only in this country but world wide. And why do politicians and journalists continue to equate the financial system with the economic system? And, hasn't the day gone when we discuss the labour force but leave technology and automation out of the equation? Many countries are now discussing a policy of the Universal Basic Income. - *Betty Luks*

The headlines read: **Mundine: fix this spending spree now** (Andrew Bolt, 2 May 2016) and continues: "Former Labor president Warren Mundine cannot believe this bizarre election campaign, where neither side will tell the truth about the financial mess we face: Populist trends have helped kill economic reform. Governments are running scared – scared of being tossed out and of the inevitable howls that accompany change. No Australian political party has delivered an economic plan which systemically addresses Australia's big problem – a huge national debt getting larger daily and government spending more than it earns, borrowing money to do it."

Surely it is time the main political parties discussed why governments borrow money in the first place?

“Demographic changes will see this problem balloon.

In 1967 there were seven working age Australians for every one over 65; by 2047 there'll be only 2.4. And the over 65s are living longer. More Australians spend more of their lives receiving benefits and the number entering the workforce to pay for them isn't keeping up."

And why are we paying such taxes in the first place? Although "half of Australian households pay no net tax" have the consumer taxes been taken into account here? "Already half of Australian households pay no net tax – the income taxes they pay are less than the benefits they receive."

Yes, the time will come when the already burdened worker will decide he might just as well join the unemployment queues as struggle to keep up with all his overheads and the lowly wages he receives.

And yes, the debt structure will collapse under its own weight.

"Working-age people and couples with dependent children disproportionately bear the burden of paying the taxes that fund the net benefits received by others. And bracket creep means average earnings are taxed more and more every year. It's unsustainable.

If we don't fix this, get ready for trouble. The Government raises \$400 billion a year, and \$130 billion of that goes on welfare and social services alone. Fix the spending problem now because later it could really hurt."

Read also:

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A BUDGET WITH A NOOSE ATTACHED by James Reed

The “selling the family farm” mentality has gone so far that it is now a normal part of the economic mismanagement of this country.

The federal budget 2016, attempted to woo voters with promises of better road and rail transport. However this “sharper economic focus” approach by the Treasurer with the needed infrastructure projects comes with a noose attached - it uses an Asset Recycling fund, the child of former cigar-smokin' Joe Hockey, created in 2014.

Federal money will go to states who have sold public

assets - the capital of the people - such as electricity networks or ports.

The public sell-off mentality, flogging off at fire sale prices to foreign powers who may be hostile military opponents in a few years time, from a nationalist perspective, amounts to economic suicide. Asian powers whom our elites serve, do not do it. Surely this is the policy of a defeated and colonised “state”.

We need to proceed from the assumption that “our” political leaders are not our leaders, but represent the interests of powers beyond our shores.

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DO WE EXIST TO SERVE ASIAN EGOS? by James Reed

One of the many downsides to Australia's Asianisation programme, is that our chattering class becomes engaged in the psycho-politics of specific Asian countries and their antagonisms.

We all know that China and Japan, well, hate each other because of past wars. Proud nations with homogenous racial populations, have long racial memories. For the West, liberalism and deracination are the order of the day, so unless you are of a designated ethnic oratory, and hence 'special' - and Anglos are not - the past is forgotten, and it's just globalist business as usual. It has been said in the print media that rejecting Japan's

offer to build 12 new submarines for "us" has somehow diminished our standing in Asia. Well, Japan may feel hurt about this 'for all of one media cycle', but China does not. Of course Turnbull kowtowed to the Chinese. That is just what is done by a colonised slave nation. Japan should not have expected anything else.

I am surprised that Turnbull didn't get China to build the Subs - to keep an eye on China - for us. Or perhaps we should have simply saved the money and accepted that we have already surrendered and make the most of what little time we have left.

SUBMARINE INSANITY by James Reed

There are many aspects to the government's decision in awarding the submarine contract to France, and I discuss the *snub*-Japan issue in my article above.

However, the most important consideration is that \$50 billion is being spent essentially to subsidise around 2000 jobs in South Australia at a cost of \$18 million per job.

That \$50 billion figure doesn't include software costs, and the costs are likely to skyrocket as the years turn into decades.

Even if the subs were effective, there is likely to be war

before the delivery date, making it all pointless.

The 12 conventional Subs are outdated already. Technological advances with underwater drone technology mean that all 12 will be sunk very quickly in the oceanic battlefields of the future.

It would have been better to win votes for the Liberals in South Australia, just to stand on street corners and give away taxpayer money. As a nation we are effectively defenceless. Our politicians are utterly clueless and worse than useless.

WIDESPREAD CONFUSION ABOUT NEW SENATE VOTING LAWS

from Cairns News.org

As the High Court finished today hearing the challenges by the People's Writ and by Senator Bob Day, it has become evident that the Greens would benefit in the next election from current voter ignorance about the new voting law, if the challenge fails, and if the election is held under the new law.

"Members of our 3 million voices committee did survey interviews in their home cities in the days before the Protest Rally, and among the crowds in Sydney's Martin Place for hours before the "Hands Off Our Senate" Rally on Sunday," said Peter Madden, Coordinator of the 3 million voices committee.

"Question 4 of our survey found that 71% of people do not know that writing a "1" in one box above the line will mean under the new law something different to what it meant before during the last 32 years.

"There is simply no way that AEC education advertising can get through to all of these 10 million voters (71% of the Electoral Roll) before the next election.

"This means that many of the people who vote "1" above the line for Minor Parties and are unaware that "1" above the line means something different to what it has meant for 32 years – and it could well be a million people – will be unaware that their vote will 'exhaust' and will not matter," said Mr Madden.

Question 7 of the Survey made interviewees aware of this exhausting of votes, and then asked "Do you object to your vote being exhausted?" and 87% answered "Yes".

"The Greens/Turnbull government voting law is relying on this sort of voter ignorance to bias the election results against Minor Parties and in favour of the Greens," said Mr Madden, who added that he is not commenting one way or another on the High Court case which finished today with a brilliant closing address by Barrister Peter King following on from the government's defence which can only be described as pathetic.

IS DODSON LISTENING TO HIS ABORIGINAL VOTERS ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE?

from Andrew Bolt's Blog

“Indigenous leader Pat Dodson has been endorsed as a WA senator, with the father of reconciliation demonstrating his diplomacy by defending a Liberal backbencher's democratic right to make a “bad taste” speech.

The respected Aboriginal elder ... was resoundingly ratified [by the WA Parliament] as Mr Bullock's replacement...

But Liberal backbencher Peter Abetz, the older brother of Liberal Senator Eric Abetz, used the open floor to inject controversy into the rare moment of parliamentary solidarity.

Mr Abetz gave a speech against same-sex marriage, suggesting it was not in line with traditional Aboriginal social values and raising Prof Dodson's Catholic background.

He became Australia's first ordained Aboriginal Catholic priest in 1975 but left after disagreeing with the church hierarchy over his beliefs about the religion and traditional Aboriginal spirituality.

Mr Abetz's speech prompted Nationals MP Brendon Grylls to walk out of the chamber in apparent disgust and Liberal MP Phil Edman tweeted he was “embarrassed”, while applause broke out when Upper House president Barry House questioned the relevance of the commentary.

Prof Dodson said ... “You could say it was bad taste but we live in a democracy...”

Mr Barnett said he apologised to Professor Dodson for Mr Abetz's comments after the sitting”.

Bad taste. Inappropriate. Embarrassing.

Yet not one critic actually analysed what Abetz said to judge if it were true or false. In fact, Abetz's argument is fascinating and strong, pointing out that someone purporting to speak for Aboriginal people should acknowledge the deep cultural opposition many have to same sex marriage. Here is an excerpt of his speech:

“Mr Dodson in his younger days served as a Catholic priest...

Having been used to being a free voice in the community speaking his mind and espousing traditional aboriginal social values, he will no doubt find it challenging to have

to toe the Labor party line...

After 2019 Professor Dodson will no longer be able to be a voice for the traditional aboriginal view of marriage, as expressed by over 70 aboriginal elders, from 47 different nations who signed the Bark Petition to the Federal parliament last year, urging the Parliament to not legalise SSM, but instead to honour the age old aboriginal view of marriage...

As Mr James Stephens, a Wiradjuri man, who spoke at the press conference after its presentation said:

“... the Uluru Bark Petition is endorsed and signed by the senior elders of Ernabella, Pitjantjatjara and a senior elder of Mutitjulu Uluru, Yankuntjara language. Secondly we are simply making a statement on a well-known fact acknowledged by the Australian Government and numerous academics. And that fact is marriage between a man and a woman is sacred between our people,”

Indeed the Australian Law Reform Commission in 1986 released a Report entitled Aboriginal Customary Law , which has a whole chapter on the nature of laws surrounding marriage in traditional Aboriginal culture.

On reading that chapter again last night, it was very clear that the authors of the bark petition very accurately reflects the content of that report – namely that in Aboriginal culture marriage is about producing and socialising the next generation, and there is no scope in the traditional law for same sex relationships to be recognised in any way at all, let alone be given the status of marriage.

Ken Wyatt, Member for Hasluck, and Senator Joanne Lindgren, the grand-niece of the late Senator Neville Bonner, are two indigenous members of our Federal Parliament who have publicly spoken out against redefining marriage to include same sex relationships...

If Mr Dodson plans to remain a Federal Labor Senator beyond 2019, he will not be able to uphold the dreams and aspirations of Aboriginal people who wish to articulate and hold to their traditional cultural view of the nature of marriage”.

This is an important argument on an important issue.

I'd love to hear Dodson frankly address it.

THE ABORIGINAL CULT OF VICTIMHOOD by Richard Miller

Anthony Dillon (“End the Aboriginal Cult of Victimhood and Focus on What Matters”, *The Australian*, April 19, 2016, p.12), argues convincingly that cries of “racism” are obstructing a rational assessment of Aboriginal affairs. He takes the example of the 25th anniversary of the report of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, where members of the chattering class continue to say “25 years later, Aboriginal people still die in custody”. Racism is supposed to cause these deaths.

However, he points out that even though Aboriginals are over-represented in custody, Aborigines in custody are actually less likely to die than non-Aboriginals in custody, “there is an over-representation of non-Aboriginal deaths in custody”.

He quoted the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report, *The Health of Australia's Prisoners*, 2015, which stated: “With just over one quarter (27%) of prisoners in custody being indigenous, and 17% of deaths in custody being indigenous, indigenous prisoners were under-represented”.

THE LIBERTARIAN FAIRYTALE by James Reed

Libertarianism is liberalism on steroids. The key principle is to give maximum freedom to “agents” (this is not just people *qua** individuals but corporations). Thus, as detailed by Chris Berg in his new book from Melbourne University Press, *The Libertarian Alternative*, libertarianism will cut across the Left/Right divide. It will support the freedom to democratically decide the same-sex marriage issue, support the ownership rights, and free market economic policies.

* *qua* - in the capacity of

I think that we can live with libertarianism in the cultural domain, provided the power of the media and elites was dealt with. That is where libertarianism collapses. Like its neoclassical economic theory it sees only individual

60 MINUTES: ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS BADLY by Tom North

The 60 Minutes fiasco has ended, with Channel 9 “writing big cheques to buy the 60 Minutes crews’ freedom” from their Beirut prison, while leaving Adam Whittington, the contractor they hired, to rot in a Beirut prison cell.

Whittington, a former soldier and Australian citizen, was funded by the Nine Network, according to *The Australian* (May 2, 2016, p.1) and was thus their boy, as much as any of the 60 Minutes team.

The effects of this cult of Aboriginal victimhood, imposed by the urban elites was well described by a letter to *The Australian* (April 21, 2013, p.13):

“Victimhood has become the new colonialism imposed on Aborigines by the well-meaning, miscellaneous experts, opportunists, human rights activists and politically-correct do-gooders”.

“It has led to exploitation via tokenism, ineffective policy and sometimes gross mismanagement. While the lives of many Aborigines continue to see little improvement from the millions of dollars intended for their benefit, the new colonialism has helped many others to benefit”.

An important part of the “answer” is opposing new class-agendas so that sanity can be restored. Opposing and defeating “feel good” measures such as the constitutional Aboriginal Recognition referendum, will be one such strategy.

Most Australians, be they Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal, do not know what this referendum is about, or even what the Australian Constitution actually is. How then can they possibly consider constitutional change? ***

atoms. But the real world has powerful elites bound by ethnicity and race, whose names cannot even be spoken and collectivistic entities such as media and financial corporations, seemingly more real than the individuals that comprised them. These entities seem to have an “emergent” life of their own, like some philosophers view consciousness as “emerging” from activity.

Libertarianism is thus economically and financially naive. Nevertheless, its spirit of the primacy of freedom is a good thing, ever-opposed to present day socialist fantasies. Libertarianism though, needs to become better informed about social realities, which a healthy dose of social credit can achieve. ***

The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs, also seems to have abandoned one of its citizens.

There are many layers of messages here, ranging from the callous nature of the media, to the ever-present conflicts and contradictions of multiculturalism.

Give it a few weeks and all will be forgotten and Whittington will remain in one of the toughest prisons on earth. ***

HITLER A ZIONIST? WHOEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT!

Former London mayor Ken Livingstone, has been suspended by the British Labour Party after he said Adolf Hitler supported Zionism.

The remarks made to the BBC were made in defence of Labour MP Naz Shah who shared an anti-Semitic post on social media.

“Red Ken” said: “When Hitler won his election in 1932, his policy then was that Jews should be moved to Israel. He was supporting Zionism before he went mad and ended up killing 6 million Jews”.

DAVID ROCKEFELLER AND THE ONE WORLD ORDER by Paul Walker

David Rockefeller turned 100 in June 2015 and is still going. He is said to be part of a “one world order” conspiracy by which a set of global elites control the world.

Rockefeller, according to Your News Wired.com, February 11, 2016 has heard these rumours by, well, folks like us, and has said:

“Some even believe (the Rockefellers) are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterising my family and me as ‘internationalists’ conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure - one world, if you will. If that’s the charge, I stand guilty, and I’m proud of it”.

THE MYTHS OF SURGERY by Mrs Vera West

Out and about after a nasty fall, but fortunately not requiring surgery for this old lady, I was surprised to find a new book on the bookshelves by Professor Ian Harris, *Surgery: The Ultimate Placebo* (New South, 2016). This is a critique of modern surgery by a leading surgeon, which in itself is something extraordinary.

Indeed, Professor Harris knows exactly the weak points of surgery and zooms in on them.

The issue is about whether or not there is adequate evidence for the effectiveness of many surgical procedures.

Some surgical procedures, such as cataract surgery are very effective, but some areas less so and “are possibly no more effective than placebo” and some “may even be harmful, for no significant gain”. (p.272) There is a fascinating discussion of the history of surgery and its failures, but the bulk of the book deals with modern aspects of surgery where we find a lack of statistically sound evidence supporting many procedures.

There is a lack of evidence on: knee arthroscopy (keyhole surgery) (p.101), various forms of hip replacement surgery (p.62), tennis elbow (pp. 104-106), and back fusion surgery: “Spine surgery is not just a sugar pill, it is

“I have been in the Labour Party for 40 years and I have never heard anyone say anything anti-Semitic. I have heard a lot of criticism for the state of Israel and its abuse of Palestinians, but I have never heard someone be anti-Semitic”.

“Red Ken’s” remarks were condemned by various MPs as pro-Nazi, racist and anti-Semitic.

People may choose to search the Internet to independently see if what Ken Livingstone has said is true or not, and if not, what his motivations might be.***

There is of course a wealth of literature about the global financial elites and the organisations which they have created to further their power, such as the Trilateral Commission, the Bilderberg Group and probably many others that we don’t know about. Look at how the TPP proceeded in secret.

The real lesson here is that we should not be shocked by old Dave’s attitude. Globalism extends the power of a global elite, while nationalism limits it.

If intelligent life was found on other planets, then there would be support for “universalism” on a cosmic scale, one “universe”. For the one-universes, anything that increases the scale of the economy is good; anything that restricts it is bad. In the end, it is all simply the logic of power and the quest for absolute control. ***

a much more elaborate placebo than that, and it is much more dangerous”. (p.135)

As I was reading Professor Harris’s book I said to myself: “Well, at least there are areas of surgery that he won’t be criticising, such as fracture surgery”. Then, blow me over (which would be quite a task given my considerable size), I came upon his critique of even this (pp.172-176). He points out that dinosaur skeletons show that bone fractures have healed without surgery. And “sometimes, by operating on fractures (and removing the blood clot that will later turn into bone) we can even decrease the chance of it healing”. (p. 174)

Operations don’t make fractures heal - only the body does that, but serve to “adjust and hold the alignment”. Usually only an approximate alignment is needed, done without surgery.

This is a fascinating book which everyone should read. I simply never thought that I would live long enough to read a book by a leading surgeon, blowing the whistle on surgery. Surgery, obviously has its place, but the take-home message here is that good surgeons know when not to operate. ***

TO THE EDITOR of THE AUSTRALIAN

Gary Johns has done well ('Why 18C can't cut it in high court', 4/5) with his review of a new critique of the infamous section of the Racial Discrimination Act.

However, two caveats can be entered. It is not clear why 'intimidation' should remain as a justification for complaint; and it is unacceptable that 'expression manifesting or creating hate' be made unlawful. In both cases vagueness of terminology encourages and sanctions subjectivity that should not be given legal teeth.

The authors are right to state that 'racist speech not advocating racial enmity or racial violence' is better fought by civil society using freedom of expression and association, not by state restriction on free speech. Their thesis should not have diverged at all from this ideal.

- Nigel Jackson, Belgrave, Vic

BASIC FUND

The fund has exceeded \$11k, with the latest balance showing \$11 548. The good work will continue with more generous help from supporters. The next milestone will be the \$20k mark. Thank you to those who have helped. - ND

ACTION TARGET

Included with last week's issue was a supplementary Voters Test Kit. It is a very easy way for you to test the candidates offering to represent you in Parliament. Simply fill in the names and addresses and post it. Even with the increase in postage, you can influence the election with an investment of about \$10. That amount will enable you to post the Questionnaire to several candidates. It is likely you will have four or five candidates for your Lower House seat.

There may be forty or fifty offering for the Senate so be more selective with those candidates. Perhaps concentrate on the minor groups which may hold the balance of power. It would be good to include one or two ALP and Coalition candidates too.

The importance of the exercise is not only to discover their answers but to get their commitment to act! At this stage, not all candidates will be known, so watch the local media for their names. Of course the sitting Member is already known so send to him/her now. They will then have ample time to respond before their campaigns gain momentum.

This will be one of the easiest Targets and it may prove one of the most valuable, so please give it your support.

Remember to report the results to the Melbourne office so they can be shared with our readers.

Nat Dir

KATTER NAILS LIBERALS FOR TPP COSTS

from Cairns News org...

- Costing \$15.6million over four years to implement reform to government procurement which are included in the TPP
- \$12.4m for IT systems to support transparency in procurements conducted by limited tendering
- \$2.9m proactively being given to the Federal Court of Australia to deal with the disputes caused by the changes.

"The TPP takes away the rights of government to protect their people. For example industrial practice that endangers Australian health and lives, for example their right to a decent wage and income," Mr Katter lamented. "This money is for enforcement, so if a Local Government Council wants to use local contractors, instead of a big foreign corporation the foreign corporation can come at them. The TPP gives foreign corporations tendering rights that can be enforced. Pretty sad stuff." ***

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