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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Section 18C: A Tyrannical Multicult Law by Ian Wilson LL.B.

Here is a brief section 18C update. There is apparently no decision yet in the appeal in the QUT student case, before the Federal Court. But, in an article chillingly entitled “Unlawful under 18C to ‘say or do anything’: Cindy Prior appeal,” at <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/unlawful-under-18c-to-say-or-do-anything-cindy-prior-appeal/news-story/fe66fa27dcb0cab8d9f23515c4d38db6>, it is stated:

“Lawyers for Cindy Prior want a judge to find it is illegal under section 18C to “say or do anything” which calls into question the appropriateness of special measures which advantage an ethnic or racial minority, the Federal Court heard yesterday.

The legal argument is at the heart of an attempted appeal by Ms Prior after the indigenous former Queensland University of Technology administrative assistant’s racial hatred case against students over Facebook posts was thrown out, with more than \$200,000 in costs awarded against her.

Judge John Dowsett asked Ms Prior’s barrister Greg McIntyre SC: “Does that mean then that people can’t refer in any adverse way to any form of discrimination?”

Mr McIntyre replied in the affirmative, saying it could be unlawful under section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act if such comments caused humiliation or intimidation to reasonable members of a group such as indigenous students of QUT. “I can’t see that opposing segregation is saying something about race”, Justice Dowsett said. “It’s about human attitudes, isn’t it?”

Tony Morris QC, the lawyer for students Jackson Powell and Calum Thwaites, described the arguments of Ms Prior’s legal team as wrong “in all of their glorious absurdity and monstrosity”. If this succeeds, then it will be illegal to question anything about affirmative action policies.

One wit in the comments section of the above article summed up the exasperation which ordinary Australians are feeling about this oppressive legislation: “First we cannot ‘do’ anything due to fear of litigation. Now, we can’t say anything due to fear of litigation. Can China please hurry up and invade so that we may be free again.”

However, it gets worse, as there is now a section 18C complaint made by the Australia-Japan Community Network about a statute erected by Sydney’s Korean community commemorating the suffering of “comfort women” forced into sexual slavery by the Japanese Imperial Army in world War II. Here is a good summary of this issue by Andrew Bolt, who himself has suffered at the hands of the section 18C inquisition:

“The Australia-Japan Community Network has formally lodged a complaint against a Sydney World War II Memorial under the Racial Discrimination Act. This wicked law encourages offence-taking and empowers the kind of people who think arguments should be decided by judges and not debate”.

The ABC, now finally showing some interest on this restriction on free speech:

A group of Japanese Australians today lodged a formal complaint against the Uniting Church using a section of the act we have been hearing a lot about in recent times 18C. They say that the monument on church grounds in Sydney create racial divisions and has offended and insulted many Japanese ex-pats....

TETSUHIDE YAMAOKA, PRESIDENT, AUSTRALIA-JAPAN COMMUNITY NETWORK:

We feel we are intimidated. We were targeted, that is for sure. The ‘comfort women’ statues being erected all over the world have never been a peaceful monument or commemoration for women.

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They always used as a tool of political activities or campaigns against Japan..

HAYDEN COOPER: For the Japanese there is no more sensitive issue than the country's war-time past. As the imperial Army marched across Asia, 200,000 women were forced into sexual slavery, most from Korea or China. The memorial was set up by Sydney's Korean community... That is a sore point for Australia's Japanese residents, some of whom even dispute the very detail and language surrounding the issue.

EMIKO, AUSTRALIA - JAPAN COMMUNITY NETWORK: In my own opinion, the using "sex slaves" is not appropriate. Because they were prostitutes sure, but they were paid really well...

HAYDEN COOPER: The Japanese solution is the Racial Discrimination Act using Section 18C, they have lodged a case alleging they have been offended, insulted, humiliated and intimidated on the basis of race because of this monument...

TIM WILSON, LIBERAL MP: This is a classic example of why section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act needs to change. This is a classic example of what happens when you have a test that sets too low a threshold where people seek to use the law to resolve their differences of opinion about matters that might

BANNING PLATO AND CO by James Reed

Although I am no fan of modern philosophy taught at the institutions known as universities, I see great merit in the classics, where men were men and men were philosophers. The works of Plato, Aristotle, right through to Kant and Hume, and numerous other great men (almost all were men) laid the foundations of Western civilisation.

Now, students at London University are demanding that the works of philosophers such as Plato and Kant be dropped from the curriculum, because they are White: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2017/01/08/university-students-demand-philosophers-including-plato-kant/>.

IT SEEMS THAT IF YOU WANT A JOB DONE PROPERLY, YOU JUST HAVE TO DO IT YOURSELF!

by John Steele

The Czech President Milos Zeman has warned citizens to arm themselves to the teeth in preparation for a coming "super-holocaust," which will be carried out by Islamist terrorists: https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/01/06/czech-government-tells-its-citizens-how-to-fight-terrorists-shoot-them-yourselfes/?utm_term=.9693a8c771d2. People went out and brought heaps of guns, but probably not as many of the glorious things as Americans, having gobbled up 27 million in 2016.

offend or insult a different section of the community... I think it is unlikely to succeed once it gets to a court, but it is likely to trigger the test under the law and then be considered by the commission, which means everybody has to lawyer up and present their arguments. **See:** <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/blogs/andrew-bolt/now-japanese-use-our-race-law-against-a-war-memorial/news-story/aa72967bca77db1deec121be2d026cdc>.

Japan has already apologised for the comfort women human rights violation (<http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2015/12/japan-korea-comfort-women/422016/>), but in the light of section 18C, a historical injustice becomes a case of race hate, punishable by law. If this monster gets up, then most discussions of history will be censored. There is virtually nothing of historical discussion which would be spared. This case shows the manifest absurdity and injustice of section 18C. It will censor basic historical truths.

The Institute of Public Affairs, in its 58-page submission to the parliamentary committee investigating the law, argued that "Only by removing the law from the statute books entirely can parliament restore Australians' right to freedom of speech, improve our liberal democracy, and eliminate the sundry abuses it has caused: "Repeal 18C or Say Farewell to Free speech: think Tank," The Australian, December 13, 2016, p. 2.

This has got to come to an end. ***

This comes from the student union at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), and surprise, surprise, they want the majority of works to be from Africa and Asia. You know, to be free of racism and all that jazz.

OK, let's follow this through. If this is what they want, then the texts should not be read in English, the White language of the oppressive colonists, but in the original African and Asian languages. Exams should be set requiring proficiency in all of these many hundreds of languages. White students, having White privilege, can continue with English. ***

By contrast to Australia, people in the Czech Republic can own a gun for self-defence and the country's interior minister wants a constitutional change to allow citizens to use their guns against terrorists, which could save lives, because, contrary to the gun-banners in this country, it takes police time to get to the scene of a crime. The rest of Europe has moved in our cuck-low testosterone direction, by banning or more severely restricting these phallic symbols, even though crime is eroding the social fabric of Europe. But, that's their plan, isn't it? ***

DON'T SUICIDE OVER CENTRELINK DEBT RECOVERY: SUE-I-CIDE THEM WITH A CLASS ACTION LAW SUIT!

by Ian Wilson LL.B.

There is great community concern at the present time about Centrelink's new computer-based debt recover system, which, predictably enough, is screwing up, big time. People have been getting astronomical debts that they allege that they are not responsible for, and many ordinary folk have been suicidal about the prospects of debt recovery: <http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/flawed-centrelink-debt-recovery-system-bringing-some-to-the-brink-of-suicide-andrew-wilkie-20170104-gtlog9.html>.

This move has been made because the Centrelink system itself has generated massive debts, along with fraud from some people and genuine errors. The government is in panic mode trying to recover \$ 4 billion: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/welfare-debt-squad-hunts-for-4bn-in-overpayments/news-story/e19c5b0d4a39aa07364a41269fdc11c9>.

The Commonwealth Ombudsman has launched an investigation into this matter: <http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/commonwealth-ombudsman-launches-centrelink-investigation-20170109-gto6h4.html>.

It would be nice to see a class action launched against Centrelink, but I won't hold my breath, because the sorts

of people affected are highly vulnerable and not legally savvy. The right thing to do if one disputes a debt, is to go through the Centrelink appeals procedure. I just helped one person with this who has a debt of \$ 3,000, and he wasn't even on the Centrelink system! There is an internal appeal, from which, if one is unsuccessful, one now appeals to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. Get help from the various welfare legal rights groups in your state: they are most helpful.

The Administrative Appeals Tribunal is very fair, but massively over-worked, and cases may take months to be heard. One has to begin paying Centrelink back even if one is challenging the decision. This is something that needs to be addressed by the Minister because it reverses the onus of proof. Otherwise it will need to be challenged in court.

Anyone feeling suicidal about this issue should immediately seek counselling from many crisis centres which operate 24/7. Don't kill yourself over Centrelink; they are just not worth it. Take comfort in the thought that they cannot get blood from a stone. And, they have to obey the law – it is not yet the rule of the Mafia, but it is coming. ***

CHINA'S STRING OF PEARLS: THAT'S US TOO by James Reed

Ref: <https:// Cairnsnews.org/2017/01/08/strategic-worldwide-ports-a-string-of-pearls-owned-by-china-include-darwin/>

The communist Chinese government, acting behind so-called private companies, is fast moving to control strategic deep water ports. For example, the port of Hambantota of Sri Lanka was recently leased to a state-owned Chinese company for \$ 1.1 billion. This is part of China's "one belt, one road" plan to control key shipping lanes, as part of the Chinese plan for world domination.

Control over African ports has also been made by China, along with Antwerp and Zeebrugge in Belgium; Dunkirk, Le Havre, Montoir, and Fos in France; Casablanca and Tangiers in Morocco; Marsaxlokk in Malta; Abidjan in the Ivory Coast; Houston and Miami in the United States; Bussan in South Korea, to name but a few. Unfortunately, our own Port of Darwin was leased for 99 years to the Landbridge Company, which is closely connected to the Chinese communist government, for a pitiful \$ 361 million. The Americans were deeply concerned about this and even the *New York Times* thought that such port control could "facilitate intelligence collection on U.S. and Australian military forces stationed nearby." This is a good example of how insane economics overrides strategic common-sense.

Writing in *The Australian*, December 7, 2016, p. 12, "China is Creeping South and it is Time We Acted,"

Peter Layton said: "In the South China Sea dispute, Australia remains trapped in the past. Since Australia developed its strategy, China has built six large islands — three substantial air bases and three sizeable electronic surveillance installations.

With this, China effectively has moved 1100km south towards Australia and deep into the geographic heart of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

The new facilities' size allows China to deploy off northern Borneo an air combat force larger and more capable than any current ASEAN air force. China can easily enforce an air defence identification zone across the South China Sea. More worryingly, China for the first time poses a realistic air threat to Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei and all of Borneo.

With these new air bases, China today militarily dominates the central ASEAN region. China has a significant ability to intimate, bully and cajole ASEAN in times of peace and in times of crisis, and to win any limited regional war that erupts.

Australia improbably hopes that ASEAN or the US can solve this. ASEAN's strategy is to get Chinese agreement to a code of conduct, but China has stalled on this since 2002.

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Moreover, China has divided ASEAN, turning Cambodia, Laos and perhaps The Philippines into Chinese boosters. Last, China is unlikely to sign anything that does not advance its interests.

America's strategy is occasionally to undertake freedom of navigation operations. Sailing a ship close to these new island bases, though, achieves little permanently and China may sometimes deny access using fishing vessels and "civilian" ships. While Australian politicians may argue whether sailing close to the islands is provocative, the real issue is that such operations are ultimately pointless.

China has changed the facts on the ground. It will not suddenly abandon its costly new facilities, even if ASEAN or the Americans unexpectedly succeed.

MORE POLITICALLY CORRECT LANGUAGE by Mrs Vera West

Don't dare speak about "husbands" and "wives"- if you are in Victoria. (*The Australian*, December 16, 2016,p.3) *The Inclusive Language Guide*, to be used in the public sector, bans using "heteronormative" terms such as "husband" and "wives" and requires the use of gender-neutral pronouns such as "zie" and "hir."

The guide, according to the Victorian Equality Minister, aims to keep the LGBTI community safe by "eradicating homophobia, biphobia and transphobia."

Now, I would not want anyone to be unsafe but to my old mind though this seems to be little more than a politically correct attack on heterosexuality. If one is heterosexual and has a husband or wife, why shouldn't one be able to refer to that Fact? That's discrimination!

Then we will find out if it really is the case that gender is a social construct!

Immediately prior to the Christmas break, the SA parliament passed a heap of LGBTQI (have I missed any letters?) legislation. South Australia has now formally recognised same-sex marriage. The unpopular premier Jay Weatherill also issued a formal apology to the LGBTQIers. Not only is there state wide recognition of same sex marriages, as well as those outside of Australia, but next-of-kin adoption rights. If the highly unlikely Federal referendum on the same sex marriage proposal delivers a "NO!" result, it may be possible to constitutionally challenge the state legislation as being inconsistent with the Commonwealth Marriage Act 1961. But, like anything taken to court today, I would not bet on it.

The Gender Amendment Act makes it easy to change one's gender on one's birth certificate. I bet Uncle Len, over there in Adelaide, is wishing now that he did not work so hard to oppose the radioactive waste dump in SA! He may even change his gender, race and species! ***

China's new military bases are a permanent part of our region. The incoming Trump administration cannot change this new reality."

While it makes sense to cooperate with South East Asian nations in military defence, this should not be at the expense of selling out Australia. The compulsory acquisition by the Turnbull government of farming properties so that Singaporean soldiers can train on Australian soil is just the type of "surrender Australia" policy that the Liberals and Labor have been giving us for most of the existence of these parties. Some of the best farming land in the country will go, so a foreign power can fire its guns. That is the mentality of a country that has already surrendered. That is a prime reason why it is time to drain the Canberra swamp. ***



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