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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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Thought for the Week: "The state of the world is the only hope for the world." - G.K. Chesterton
 "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried." - G.K. Chesterton

REBUILDING THE GREAT SOUTH LAND By Arnis Luks

In my research for this week, the race that stops a nation (Melbourne Cup) went ahead without the usual crowds. Social separation seems to be the order of the day due to this vague, spurious, evasive, unidentifiable phantom virus. If people cannot come together to discuss the problems of the day, all the necessary political solutions to totalitarian governments can never be resolved. This obviously is their aim. The face to face spoken word is powerful. Even alternative media is challenged by the compelling and programming narrative coming from the MSM spin. There must be a deliberate decision to turn away and seek out other information sources.

The American election

Occurring this past week in the continued state of COVID-19 uncertainty, the American people did do something that wasn't considered newsworthy, but is an important example of a developing freedom of thought. Different states held (in total by my count 31) referenda. A visit to the USA election website showed each of the 31 states and the varying questions being put to the electorate. From changing their state flag, to constitutional adjustment, to historical crime considerations in regard to sentencing etc etc. This array of questions proved sufficiently important to the populace to get the necessary signatures to proposition for a referendum. This in itself is a healthy sign of participative direct democracy. There needs to be created an opportunity for all communities, at all government levels, to implement a similar political mechanism.

In Solzhenitsyn's "*Rebuilding Russia*" he hypothesizes that: it is necessary to firstly separate Russia from the satellite nations that are not naturally affiliated, allowing them their own independence and self-reliance, a win-win for both, with the burden of management removed from Russia. He then proposes the same opportunity for the Ukraine to leave the federation, even though there always have been very close links, having both suffered equally under Bolshevism and being from the same original stock of people.

He stipulates removing all state support of the Communist Party, if they must exist they support themselves. Jeremy Lee has done an equally good service for rebuilding Australia in his audio tape of "*Rebuilding The Great South Land*" here: https://alor.org/Storage/MP3/PodCasts/Archived/Lee_J/Lee_J-Rebuilding_The_Great_Southland.mp3 We can attempt to transpose Solzhenitsyn and Jeremy's recommendations towards current Australian conditions.

Rebuilding the Great South Land - The Road Map to Freedom with Responsibility

The most vital point to firstly place on the table is philosophy. What can we agree on? We might call it mate-ship or giving someone a fair go, or helping the underdog. Our founding fathers designated the words '*humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God*', to mean the same thing. By agreeing to a consistent view of acceptable behaviour (philosophy) we know what to expect given similar sets of circumstances. Shoulder to shoulder, back to back we can rebuild this great south land because we trust the bloke next to us. If we can't agree on a set of values we have no hope. (*read and watch Social Dynamics Lecture 1*)

From there we can set about to review the current status of the Federation and our Constitutional arrangements at all three levels of government, in light of the High Court decisions and other centralist encroachments.

Local Government

Since the forced amalgamation and regionalisation of local government, we can honestly say this has not been a political improvement. The Soviet style re-structure with the managerial class controlling local affairs, is simply administering UN or state government policies locally. This is not what should be occurring. The participation of the local community to determine their own affairs is not possible under this foreign managerial model.

Any local government review needs to look back into history to see when and how the most effective examples of local government occurred, and then orientate from where we are now towards the high watermark of previous experience. Devolution is the proposal, the handing back to lower authorities all the necessary power to administer their own affairs. The UN and all other strata of government's interfering with the good working of local government must become a distant aberration.

ED Butler went so far as to recommend methods to finance local government utilising credit creation from a people's bank engaging their own real credit - found here: <https://alor.org/Storage/Library/Butler%20ED%20-%20Yarra%20Glen%20Report.htm>

Former Mayor of North Sydney 1980-88 and Member of the House of Representatives 1990-96 Ted Mack has given a detailed paper on 'Direct Democracy' available on the Samuel Griffith website titled *Beyond Representative Government* here: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/596ef6aec534a5c54429ed9e/t/5c9c672e0d9297c5f56a212e/1553753903002/v5chap8.pdf>

and also the 'Henry Parkes Oration' found here: <https://parkesfoundation.files.wordpress.com/2014/01/hporation2013.pdf>

Ted Mack introduced the Referenda system and other open government policies making 'all' North Sydney council meetings, committees and council files open to the public. There were no meetings of any sort from which the public or press were excluded while he was mayor. People saw the benefits of three fundamental principles – open government, decentralised decision-making and financial probity demonstrated in North Sydney Council for some eight years while he was mayor. So you see, it has been done before by fellow Australians. We can do this, it is in our blood, if we are together as one.

State Government

Some states appear to be 'constituted', that is they can alter their own constitution without necessarily providing a referenda for the people. This needs to be reviewed, especially in the light of the Victorian constitutional fiasco. The people are the ultimate authority, not the politicians/bureaucracy administered by the money power.

The Trinitarian model of Parliament, agreed by the people and implemented by our forefathers into our Federal Constitution, ensures the Executive is answerable to the Parliament, and with a necessity of annually passing the appropriation and supply bills the lower house being answerable to the upper house. This balancing of powers (bicameral) which has been lost in Queensland and partly in Victoria needs to be re-established. As does the final requirement of Royal Assent and Reserved Powers vested in the State Governor in the Parliament. The SA Constitution does not appear to have this facility of the Governor within the Parliament.

Queensland as well as New Zealand have no upper house. Queensland parliament (constituted - the ability

to alter the constitution themselves) dissolved the upper house even after a failed statewide referenda on the issue. The Queensland Legislative Council sat for the last time on 27 October 1921, where it voted in favour of passing the Constitution Act Amendment Bill, the purpose of which was to abolish Queensland's Upper House. The Act was proclaimed on 23 March 1922 and converted the Queensland Parliament to a unicameral Parliament.

https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/explore/education/factsheets/papers/paper01_abolitionOfTheUpperHouse.pdf

Attempts to Abolish the NSW Legislative Council

In 1925 the Lang Labor government came to power with a program of social and economic reform. Faced with what he viewed as Upper House hostility to his reforms, Premier Lang set about attempting to abolish the Council by 'swamping' it with Labor Party members who would vote in favour of legislation to abolish the Legislative Council.

In December 1925, 25 new members were appointed to the Council, following two earlier appointments in July. Despite these new appointments, however, the bill to abolish the Council ultimately failed as two Labor members crossed the floor to vote against the bill and another five were absent for the vote. In 1926, Premier Lang asked the Governor to appoint a further ten members to the Council, but on this occasion the Governor refused.

Safeguarding the NSW Legislative Council

In response to Premier Lang's attempts to abolish the Council, and with the example of Queensland Labor's 1922 abolition of that State's Upper House fresh in their minds, in 1928 a newly-elected conservative government of NSW acted to safeguard the existence of the Council. This was achieved by amendments to the Constitution Act 1902, which inserted a new provision, section 7A. This section, which is still in force today, provides that a bill to abolish the Council or alter its constitution or powers must be passed by both Houses of Parliament, and approved at a referendum, before it can receive assent. Section 7A itself is entrenched in that it cannot be altered or repealed except by a bill approved at a referendum. The effect of these provisions is that the Legislative Council cannot be abolished or reconstituted without the support of a majority of the voters. Between 1930 and 1932 the re-elected Premier Lang attempted to repeal section 7A, and made a further attempt to abolish the Legislative Council. However, the validity of section 7A was upheld by the courts, and Lang's further attempt at abolition failed.

Federal and State Upper Houses

Barnaby Joyce was not the first MP to try and scuttle the representational stability of the senate (Upper House).

Thoughts on the 1949 Reform of the Senate

By Malcolm Mackerras

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Extract: One of the merits of the Robb scheme is that it has, at least, been put into legislative form. The distinguished former Senator, Malcolm Colston, decided to make his last contribution to the Senate very recently. He tabled a 50-page Bill with the title **Electoral Amendment (Senate Elections) Bill 1999**.

To quote from the longer title, the Bill is "to provide for the division of States into Wards for the purpose of choosing Senators, and for related purposes".

The purpose of the Colston-Robb proposal is to turn the Senate into a federal version of the Victorian Legislative Council. That body presently has only Labor, Liberal and National members. Only they can get elected in a single-person preferential election. Every present Senator currently being an Independent, or currently belonging to the Democrats, Greens or One Nation, would be doomed to defeat when their present terms expire. **End extract**

Victorians need to consider Malcolm Mackerras' advice in light of the 2003 alteration to their Constitution. All Australians need to consider Malcolm Mackerras' advice in that, each election the voter is given two votes. One for their local representative to cover local representational issues and the other for the representative to cover state wide issues. If the Barnaby Joyce (upper house) proposal is given voting effect for the Senate (as is the Victorian Legislative Council), whether state or federal, the upper house then becomes a play thing of the political parties instead of a representative chamber for the people. The Hare-Clarke system works well for the lower house allowing minor parties to achieve representation, but not so with only 2 vacancies per division for the upper house.

Hare-Clark Counting System

<https://www.tec.tas.gov.au/Info/Publications/HareClark.html>

The Hare-Clark counting system is used in Tasmania to elect five Members to each 'division' of the Tasmanian House of Assembly. Hare-Clark is a Single Transferable Vote (STV) method of proportional representation. STV means that a ballot paper moves between candidates as determined by the elector's marked preferences.

The Hare-Clark counting system is also used for elections in the Australian Capital Territory.

Robson Rotation (in the printed voting slip)

https://www.tec.tas.gov.au/Info/Robson_Rotation_Paper.pdf

Robson rotation is a process of rotating candidate names within each column so that the advantage of appearing at the top of the column or directly below another popular candidate are shared equally between candidates. Neil Robson, a former member of the House of Assembly, introduced the process to the Tasmanian Parliament in 1979.

These two systems for the "lower house" ensure that in each 'division' of 5 representatives, this achieves a representational ratio for most - 5 out of every 6 of those who formally vote, rather than the 50% +1 achieving a representative while the 50% -1 who do not.

Direct Democracy

In an article written by Geoffrey de Q Walker that is available on the "Samuel Griffith Society" website,... "The Advance of Direct Democracy" here:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/596ef6aec534a5c54429ed9e/t/5c9d5384eb3931088d6b0036/1553814409682/v15chap3.pdf>

and another article titled "Direct Democracy and Citizen Lawmaking" available here:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/596ef6aec534a5c54429ed9e/t/5c9c65a3e79c70abc5cb3ecc/1553753507070/v4chap9.pdf>

Professor de Q Walker notes that the South Australian Governor may not have Reserved Powers to withhold assent to legislation, not being part of the Parliament written into their Constitution. Walker's main thrust however is to cause representational and good governance improvements, unambiguously supporting 'Direct Democracy' - Citizens Initiated Referenda/Recall.

State Government Finances

Another vitally important state issue is considered by the *1935 Carruther's Report of the Tasmanian House of Assembly Select Committee on the "Monetary System"*, which is available here:

https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Carruthers-Monetary_System.pdf

The Carruther's Report tables important findings and recommendations to ensuring the financial stability and independence for the people of Tasmania. The committee finds "that the people are being prevented from possessing, consuming, and/or utilising and enjoying the increase of wealth and/or the actual or potential increase of production over the previous 30 years; that the cause of this is shortage of purchasing power in the hands of the community as a whole; and that this can be effectively remedied only by -

- (1) restoration to the sovereign community of effective control over money in all its forms, and
- (2) the establishment by the Commonwealth Parliament of machinery which would secure regular equation between the community's production and the community's purchasing power."

When we consider the demise of all our State banks, like dominoes in succession, we certainly see policy design in the outcome. The restoration of the State owned and controlled Banks is vital for the financial security of the people of each state. We do not need foreign funds to enable our own people to utilise their own resources to build their own industry for their own enjoyment and good pleasure. What we do need is the political will - sufficient faith in each other to achieve the results intended - utilising the very real credit of the community - Douglas Social Credit - the Policy of Freedom.

GMO Free Status Lost By Decree

In South Australia the GMO Free status of the entire state has been turned on its head by what appears to be influence from vested interests. The requirement for continued prohibition of genetically modified organisms in regional council areas was something the councils 'had to demonstrate significant economic benefit' to resist the introduction of GMO (apparently 11 councils failed to demonstrate - 37% are certified organic in some regions).

The state government Primary Industries Minister David Basham has now allowed **ALL** future genetically modified organisms access across the entire state. The locally managed mandate to be GMO free now needs to fight a rearguard action against the State Government.

The initiative to allow GMO into the state did not come from the electorate, it came from the top down - vested interests. Obviously those who stand to gain the most from this outcome have the ear of selected decision-making individuals within the corridors of power.

My suspicions are that the recent IMF - World Bank "loan conditions" had already pre-determined the desired outcome prior to any community consultative process !

The bigger issue about GMO is the monopoly over seed harvesting, especially GMO contamination drift. In USA you pay compensation to the GMO supplier if GMO from drift is found in your own harvested seeds.

In the courts of Western Australia, if the pollen or harvest from a GMO crop drifts onto another property, that property can lose organic certification with no opportunity for compensation. If you lose part of your crop through spray drift you receive compensation - not so with GMO drift. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-05-29/greens-unhappy-with-gm-decision-affecting-organic-farmer/5485796>

Full Term Abortion Laws for South Australia

In our SA State Parliament, the Attorney General Vicky Chapman is pursuing a private members bill to allow full term abortions. This (in my mind) means that one day a child can be extracted from the womb and murdered with no legal ramifications and the very next day (being after the birth of the child) whoever causes the death will be charged with murder. With the euthanasia laws and proposed full term abortion laws, we are now promoting a death cult as solution to a multitude of sins. It is emanating from a brutal and anti-life philosophy.

'When you do it to the least of these you do it unto Me'.

News reports of the 'live' harvesting of organs by the Chinese paint the Chinese administration as barbaric. Yet in our own state of SA we perform just as barbaric acts on our unborn children and are to think nothing of it !! Philosophy is so important to the Rebuilding of Australia. You cannot have any form of reason-able agreement with someone who thinks in terms of such low value of a life.

Constitutional Review

All State Constitutions are in need of a detailed review. Our Federal Constitution was well served by the people-initiated popular-vote constitutional conventions.

Failing to Achieve Representation

As was just demonstrated with the American presidential election, just shy of 50% of the electorate, some 70 million voters, failed to find representation in their new President. This outcome can be improved on.

The position of President of the Swiss Confederation rotates among the seven councillors (*Executive-ed*) on a yearly basis, with one year's Vice President of the Federal Council becoming the next year's Confederation President. Read further here:

https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/presidential-explainer_switzerland-s-19-living-ex-presidents-a-political-record/43308498

A review of our Federation and Constitutional arrangements in light of calls for secession from the dominating Federal Government and Bureaucracy by adverse High Court determinations.

Since Federation there has been sustained and progressive efforts to centralise power. The activist High Court is partly responsible and equally responsible are our disloyal politicians who have relentlessly pursued a centralist policy. The rot started in earnest in 1924 with the Bruce Page government's emasculation of our Commonwealth Bank. The money power at that stage had control of the government (*political party-ed*) and soon enough our financial system. The Commonwealth Bank, instead of being the willing servant of the nation, became the weapon of choice against our own people.

In Jeremy Lee's **Rebuilding the Great South Land** Podcast, he lists the major acts of treachery by successive governments up until 1997. Having placed these 'hard to locate' documents into our library archives for your reference, all the material covered in this issue of *On Target* is also in Jeremy's very important Podcast, vital to reinforcing the lessons from history and providing a clear roadmap to **Rebuilding the Great South Land**.

With the COVID-19 lock-down, our Federal and State Governments have essentially abrogated the task of running the nation over to public-private partnerships in the form of the UN and private foundations. There is no discussion, debate, reconsideration of policy, it all comes down to 'implementation by decree' the policy of the UN.

There is an impassable chasm between the providence of God which has provided an abundance of life for all, and the whims of the lords of poverty and of death, who seek universal serfdom in their new global order.

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