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THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK:

"The idea that a few remote central 'brains', be they never so superior in cleverness and knowledge to those of the rest of us, can direct the mass of mankind in their relationship with the earth, is a delusion which is leading, and can only lead, to disaster. The intelligence of everyone is needed, of the stupid, the average, as well as the talented. There are innumerable sorts of intelligence, and the village 'idiot' with his 'way' with animals, may be the superior, in that respect, to the Nobel Prize winner. Intelligence has quantity, as well as variety, and the thin, strangling wire of some imposed think-tank of experts suppresses both. The 'global' idea that 'Man' must now take over the direction of the planet, especially as it usually means that the bosses of mankind should continue to apply their bossy ideas to it on a global scale (whether or not they are called 'conservationists') is the recipe for maximum disaster, as it has been hitherto for the monstrous damage they have achieved so far."

From *The Local World* By Geoffrey Dobbs (circ.1990).

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE BUSHFIRES By Pyjamas Reed

The point has been made before by people vastly more knowledgeable than me, that the fires that are now burning down the eastern states, are not a product of climate change, but of poor, or non-existent forest management. National parks have been under the spell of Left-wing environmentalism since, who knows when. Thus, in the name of preventing carbon emissions, back burning, and hazard reduction burns have diminished, and as usual vast amounts of combustible material has been allowed to accumulate. Cattle, which could have removed a lot of the vegetation, were banned of course, as cattle eat grass and fart - (*native animals don't - ed?*) Consequently, we have the Left and Greens proclaiming that bushfires are clear evidence of climate change, and that fires at present are out of control. Hence the need to fix the climate.

But, even if this was true, it will take decades to do, if it can be done at all, while bushfires are a now-problem, burning while my pain-stricken hands type this. Hence, it all comes down to bushfire management, strategies to reduce the present intensity of bushfires, and thus when fires occur, making them relatively easier to control. Fuel reduction burning is a key part of this. But that involves fighting fire with fire, and that in turn generates CO₂, which is toxic for the morally pure environmentalist. Thus, for them, it is better to let the entire forest burn down, with all the cuddly furry animals, than to break some egg shells and burn off the material that will ultimately produce the next towering inferno.

LNP SENATOR SAYS AUSTRALIA'S IMMIGRATION POLICIES LIKE 'OVER STOCKING' PADDOCKS (10/09/2019)

In his maiden speech, LNP senator Gerard Rennick has called for Australia's "unsustainable" immigration levels to be cut and temporary visa numbers reduced. The son of a farmer said his upbringing had informed his perspective. "I was taught from a young age about carrying capacity and never to over stock your paddocks. Yet immigration is doing just that, causing major city congestion and overdevelopment on our city fringes." On immigration, he praised the federal government for reducing the annual migration cap to 160,000 but urged a reduction in the two million temporary visa holders in Australia. "The greatest threat to our environment is not carbon dioxide but unsustainable immigration," Senator Rennick said. "Regional communities are struggling as opportunities, from the lack of infrastructure, go begging."

He also called for a radical overhaul of rules around international students, saying universities should foot the bill for their economic impacts. In a wide-ranging first speech to parliament, the Queenslander signalled he could be a maverick on the government backbench.

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He wants Australia's military interventions in the Middle East including Iraq and Afghanistan to end and described the sale of Darwin's port as "mad". Senator Rennick, who spent seven years travelling the world, including to Iran and Syria, said the Middle East was the cradle of civilisation. "The current military intervention in the Middle East has lasted almost as long as World War One, World War Two and Vietnam combined," he said. "It has gone on for too long and needs to end. "Bin Laden is dead, Saddam is dead and there are no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq."

He said Islamic State would only be defeated when the

world called out the "Milo Minderbinder" that funds it, a reference to a fictional war profiteer. (It is unclear who Senator Rennick suspects is funding Islamic State.)

The controversial sale of the Darwin Port to a Chinese company was an example of foreign investment undermining security, he said. "Just look at the Darwin Port - neoliberal economics at its finest," the LNP senator said. "A classic case of ideology gone mad." The Queenslanders want to end concessions for foreign investors and make withholding tax rates made on profits sent offshore the same as those kept in Australia. Senator Rennick branded the constitution ineffective after 120 years of compromise between state and federal governments. "It is time for COAG to hold a constitutional convention to clearly define and separate these responsibilities with proposed changes put to a referendum," he said. He also said the family unit underpinned society, urging the government to preserve the bond between parent and child.

"There is no substitute for mum and dad."

Ref: <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/lnp-senator-says-australia-immigration-policies-like-over-stocking-paddocks>

LIFE IN A SOCIALIST PARADISE: VENEZUELA By Paul Walker

With surveys indicating that a majority of young people, born after the time when the horrors of communism were well exposed, are supportive of communism, or the milder socialism, it would be good for them to think about how things are going in a modern socialist paradise, Venezuela. It is a place where one had better learn to live without electric lights, for it is power down, a lot:

<https://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2019/11/10/venezuela-socialist-hell-electricity-water/>

"Venezuela has always had trouble maintaining a functional power grid. I lived in the city of Punto Fijo from 1992 to 1996, blackouts were occasional back then. But those woes of times past are nothing compared to the catastrophic collapse of our power grid that started almost a decade ago.

Twenty years of Bolivarian Revolution bought about glaring mismanagement and underinvestment in our power grid. Our electric sector was nationalized in 2007, which – you guessed it – is when the power tribulations truly began to plague Venezuelans.

Experts have warned for years of the imminent collapse. Some states, such as Zulia, my birth state, have been suffering a gruesome power rationing for years.

The much-anticipated collapse finally happened on March 7, 2019. The entire country was thrown into the Middle Ages in a snap. I went thirty hours without power. It returned to my area for approximately twelve hours. Then I was met with another thirty-hour blackout.

As expected, Maduro blamed the incident on America. He hasn't offered an official explanation beyond stating that it was an "Electronic coup" and a "cyber attack."

Caracas felt like a ghost town. You couldn't hear a single thing, not even gunfire and car alarms — quintessential sounds that one often hears through the night. It was as if we were all collectively going through a bizarre mass solitary confinement.

Water distribution was disrupted, people desperately sought for it, even in sewer drains. Telecommunications, as well – we were essentially disconnected from the world. We couldn't even access our money since the banking network was offline. In Zulia, all hell broke loose.

After the longest blackout in Venezuelan history, power continues to be erratic. The power had scarcely recovered before a second series of long blackouts hit the country towards the end of March. Power, internet, and cellphone reception continue to be unstable. The blackouts and brownouts are constantly interrupting my ability to write this article right now.

If you're curious, here's the convoluted power rationing schedule. Caracas was exempt from rationing due to "military demands."

This new calamity that has befallen us is far from over. Maduro recently announced that power will be rationed for thirty days. Judging by past experiences, this 30-day plan will likely morph into 60, then 90, then 120.

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For the longest time, Caracas had to deal with neither power blackouts nor water shortages, its prerogative as the nation's seat of power. It has now been over three years since we had running water 24/7.

The government attributed the initial rationing to a drought period that has long passed, a weak attempt to mask a service clearly in a shoddy state of management and disrepair. Like everything else, even the lies produced by socialism are low-quality. As for the quality of the water (when it does finally appear!), that leaves much to be desired as well, which is why I always implore people that if they have to visit Venezuela, they shouldn't drink tap water under any circumstances.

Like the power failures, instead of fixing the water distribution problems, the regime came up with an overly complicated water ration schedule, so complex that they don't even follow it themselves.

According to that schedule, we should get water five days a week, some days during the morning, others during the night. Want to take bets on whether that's true?

For the past three years, the area I live in only gets running water from Wednesday evening until early Sunday morning; sometimes it doesn't arrive until Thursday or even Friday, but you can surely be certain that it'll be gone before noon on Sunday.

The rest of the days we go by the building's small water tank. It's not a large one so we have to use it sparingly: only two hours per day. My biological clock is now based around our water rations.

I need to be ready before 8 p.m. because that's when we have exactly one hour to use the toilet, shower, refill buckets, and do dishes. There have been several times when we've run out of water. When that happens, we have to rely on the even smaller tank that's meant for fire emergencies. A knack for puzzle-solving and boundless creativity are invaluable perks in my limited skillset arsenal, perks that I've had to constantly employ to survive in whatever is left of this country. One of my 'intelligent' solutions to our water woes involves placing a bucket at the end of my air conditioner's water pipe, slowly filling it overnight until – voilà! — an extra toilet flush that refills itself. Following the severe shortages that started in March 2019, I've extended this wonder of Venezuelan engineering to the second air conditioner in our house, so now there are two buckets: up to four self-refilling toilet flushes now! **If three years of rigorous water rationing wasn't enough, the collapse of our power grid made it all worse.** I am writing this paragraph amidst a widespread water shortage. The nation's water pumps can't function without power, and they require lots of it. The constant blackouts have disrupted their start-up process as well — which complicates things.”

Ed - Australia, of which our governments, (regardless of party), have become a front counter for corporate-world-government policy and administration, will achieve the same result - famine, if we continue to follow globalist bureaucrats and politicians, (who appear incompetent to mask purpose and design), deliberately turn Australia into another 'Venezuela' - "by their fruits" - MDBPlan - Power Generation, Sustainable Development etc. TARGET "local administration and control" as 'policy'.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Sir, In *O.T. Vol. 55 No. 45* James Reed tells us of 'the cashless debit card being 'experimented' among certain welfare recipients'. I see it was recommended to Tony Abbott (when P.M.) by billionaire Andrew Forrest in 2014. <https://cdn.minderoo.com.au/content/uploads/2019/02/05183022/3838-Forrest-Review-Update-Full-Report-Complete-PDF-PRO1-p.pdf> James Reed notes:

“Those targeted are a broad group needing support for a broad range of reasons, but all are treated as if they have issues with alcohol or drugs or gambling. . . .” Should Andrew Forrest happen to read this, I ask him:

“. . . who appointed you a judge or arbitrator over your fellow citizen?”

It was the poet William Blake who observed in *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell*:

“One Law for the Lion & Ox is Oppression.”

Betty Luks, SA.

to *The Australian* -- Rachel Perkins states, in the latest effort to promote an unjust privileging of a small minority of Australians over others ("At the heart of the voice is just our desire for honesty", 15/11) that Uluru (or Ayers Rock) is "the symbolic and spiritual heart of our nation." Whose nation? And on what grounds does she make this claim? How can that stone monolith be the centre of a political order, founded originally by Britain, which is rightly described as a commonwealth? Yes, a wealth shared by all Australians, the great majority of whom have no Aboriginal ancestry.

Ms Perkins also claims that she feels "uniquely Australian", but in reality there is no such uniqueness for her or any other Australian. What she means is that she has her own unique ethnicity. Each other Australian can claim the same for himself or herself, but it does not pertain at all to their constitutional status as Australians. There is something fundamentally contradictory in her claims: she wants to divide while at the same time claiming to unite.

Nigel Jackson, Belgrave, Vic

A POEM FROM A FARMER

The poem that's gone viral after NSW farmer Joanna Collett posted it on the Prime Minister's Facebook page:

*G'day Mr Morrison, I trust that you are fine,
Sorry to be bothering you, but there's something on my mind
I listened to a bloke last week; he had a bit to say
You lot may have heard of him? He delivers all that hay?
He spoke of countless hours and the distances they drive
Feeding starving stock, to keep bush hopes alive
They do not get assistance from your tax funded hat
They do it on their own, all off their own bat
I'm not politically minded and I don't have any clout
And I know you've done a tour, to learn about the drought
But there's just some burning questions, that have left us feeling beat
Why did we fund a foreign land, to learn to cut up meat?
And what about those soccer boys, who went and got all lost
You pulled out all the bloody stops, plain just showing off
You've bigger problems here at home, there's drought up to our necks
So what does your mob go and do? Give them big fat cheques!
Don't they have a government to deal with all this stuff?
Why should it be up to us, what's with all your fuss?
Should we not be reigning in and look after our own
Have you never heard the phrase "charity starts at home"??
I realise there's many things, that need an allocation
And I also can appreciate, complex trade relations
I'm not sure if you realise, but if our stock all die,
There won't be any trade you see, your deals will all run dry
As a rule we're not a whinging lot, our requests are but a few
Most of us who work the land, are tested, tried and true
We respect that we are guardians, and sustain it for the kids
But I often have to wonder, what future will it bring?
I guess all that I'm wondering, is "where's the Aussie aid"??
Wrapped up in a swag of tape, only then to be repaid!
There's Aussie blokes and chicks out there, putting you to shame
Helping fellow Australians, in their time of pain
I'm just a simple farmer, grazier, wife and mum
And even though we're feeding stock, we're better off than some
I've never had to shoot a cow, who could no longer stand
But many have before me, and I pray, I'm not dealt that hand
So will you take another look; admit that we're in strife?
And do more than bloody empathise, before another farmer takes
their life?
I'd like to think you'll do what's right and put Australia first
And help your own damn country, before this drought gets any worse*

Joanna Collett

Wee Waa NSW

*If you would like to spread this message wider,
please copy it and share it.*

*Don't let those who are doing it tough in rural areas just get
forgotten in the news cycle. Charity starts at home!*

THIS WEEK'S RECOMMENDED READING:

THE LOCAL WORLD by Geoffrey Dobbs (circ.1990)

Available free online in the ALOR library.

Printed copies are available to order

for \$15 including postage.

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To promote service to the Christian revelation of God, loyalty to the Australian Constitutional Monarchy, and maximum co-operation between subjects of the Crown Commonwealth of Nations.

To defend the free Society and its institutions -- private property, consumer control of production through genuine competitive enterprise, and limited decentralised government.

To promote financial policies which will reduce taxation, eliminate debt, and make possible material security for all with greater leisure time for cultural activities.

To oppose all forms of monopoly, either described as public or private. To encourage all electors always to record a responsible vote in all elections.

To support all policies genuinely concerned with conserving and protecting natural resources, including the soil, and an environment reflecting natural (God's) laws, against policies of rape and waste.

To oppose all policies eroding national sovereignty, and to promote a closer relationship between the peoples of the Crown Commonwealth and those of the United States of America, who share a common heritage.

TARGET FOR THE WEEK

New Queensland Senator Rennick has delivered remarks not often heard inside the Chambers of Parliament House. Senator Rennick as reported on our front page, has touched on common sense views about immigration. He has highlighted the associated issues with high immigration numbers, like fringe development; environment and infrastructure.

The Senator is also concerned at the number of foreign students who enjoy generous terms for their education in Australia.

Get your typewriter or pen into gear and give the good Senator the support he deserves.

Contact your own MP and tell him/her how impressed you were with Senator Rennick.

Tell them that Senator Rennick speaks for a huge portion of Australians. *-ND*

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