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**OnTarget 26 May 1995. Thought for the Week:** "Faith is Power in a very real sense. Though the term is used loosely, Faith is not mere belief or trust, although these can be evidence of Faith. Faith is the 'knowledge' of Reality, acquired by an inner spiritual experience. It is the knowledge of Reality that brings the human mind into communion with the Universal Mind and the One Source of All Power. This Faith is dynamic - a power with limitless potentialities depending upon its quality and conscious realisation." L.D. Byrnes in *Faith Power and Action*

### **Carving up the public service No one likes waste, fraud and abuse but what's really behind bloated bureaucracies? By William Waite**

If the Coalition wins the next election it appears they will ride the wave created by Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

DOGE's ambition is to save the American taxpayer a trillion dollars this financial year. The Dutton government's goals are more modest. It vows to save \$6 Billion by cuts to Albanese's 36,000 public service hires. Though the money "saved" won't go back to you. Rather it will be diverted into an expansion of Medicare's bulk-billing service. Therapeutic state for the win.

But what are we really looking at with bureaucratic bloat? One of the fundamental causes of the growth of bureaucracy is the constant pressure in the system to push debt money into the economy. The deficiency of purchasing power for consumption means there exists an incentive for governments to sponsor projects that are useless or worse simply to distribute incomes and keep national economies staggering along. The government's power to tax means it has a sure line of credit, and therefore the opportunity for creating employment and distributing incomes is always at hand. It's one of the few things governments are up front about. They're everywhere and always about jobs, jobs, jobs.

An overgrown public service works similarly to other palliatives which exist to manage a chronic deficiency of consumer purchasing power. The most useful projects for this purpose are those that produce nothing which will add to the stock of already unsellable goods. In this category is government sponsored infrastructure and expansion of services like the NDIS, the manufacture of military hardware, inflation of prices on existing assets like housing and production for export. I would also include the revamping of energy infrastructure like scaled renewables and nuclear. Just as public service growth increases onerous regulation and annoying public servants, so these others have negative second and third order consequences avoidable if we would only address the money problem directly.

Douglas once said “I do not regard it as being a sane system that before you can buy a cabbage it is absolutely necessary to build a machine-gun...”<sup>1</sup> This cuts very close to the core of the issue. The core of the issue is that in order to get what we need and want we have to do a whole lot of other things that have *nothing* to do with the production and distribution of what we need and want. At the end of the day a great deal of waste, fraud and abuse is required to make the money system work. We will have bloated bureaucracies, among other examples of wasted human effort, so long as the government’s roll remains dispensing tax and debt to provide incomes for consumption.

A big part of the stated rationale for these cuts is ballooning debt. Even if Musk gets his trillion dollars of federal government savings the US will still be >\$36tn in the hole. Actually, it will only just cover the interest bill for the same year. The drop in the bucket evaporates before it can fall.

This is why I suspect the whole DOGE spectacle of firings and contract cancellations to be a big head-fake to sneak through an expansion of the digital administrative state, sometimes referred to as The Control Grid. [The executive order that signed DOGE into existence](#) is more about technology upgrades than the mainstream reporting indicates. Improving government efficiency by firings etc. is not mentioned. It reads:

*Section 1. Purpose. This Executive Order establishes the Department of Government Efficiency to implement the President’s DOGE Agenda, by modernizing Federal technology and software to maximize governmental efficiency and productivity.*

DOGE is actually the renamed and restructured United States Department of Digital Services (USDS). From the same source:

*Sec. 3. DOGE Structure. (a) Reorganization and Renaming of the United States Digital Service. The United States Digital Service is hereby publicly renamed as the United States DOGE Service (USDS) and shall be established in the Executive Office of the President.*

With respect to Modernizing for maximizing governmental efficiency and productivity:

*Sec. 4. Modernizing Federal Technology and Software to Maximize Efficiency and Productivity. (a) The USDS Administrator shall commence a Software Modernization Initiative to improve the quality and efficiency of government-wide software, network infrastructure, and information technology (IT) systems. Among other things, the USDS Administrator shall work with Agency Heads to promote inter-operability between agency networks and systems, ensure data integrity, and facilitate responsible data collection and synchronization.*

*(b) Agency Heads shall take all necessary steps, in coordination with the USDS Administrator and to the maximum extent consistent with law, to ensure USDS has full and prompt access to all unclassified agency records, software systems, and IT systems. USDS shall adhere to rigorous data protection standards.<sup>2</sup>*

This explains Musk's interest. It might be that DOGE is a sort of pilot project for the labour disruption promised by AI.

Whatever is going on we should judge these developments on whether they expand or constrain individual initiative. Large-scale government sackings will have no effect on the mechanisms, taxation and debt financing, which constrain individual initiative. Furthermore, the centralisation of power over the collection, storage and processing of our personal information provides irresistible opportunity for development of the global security state.

Outside Social Credit circles I don't see much useful thinking. You're not going to solve the problem of consumption by throwing people out of work. As long as we, under the heel of big finance, remain the unthinking captives of ritualistic financial dogma there is no solution. Nor will the cause of freedom be served by empowering a voyeuristic elite to enact their transhumanist, totalitarian fantasies.

At the heart of this issue is the corruption when power concentrates. Monahan in his *An Introduction to Social Credit* breaks it down to bedrock:

*Governments today are almost infinitely evil; at all events, they contact infinite evil; they are robbers, liars and hypocrites. They are corrupted by power; and the solution is, to withdraw that power back to the individual, to de-concentrate it. The only safe exercise of power is by the individual over himself, not over others.<sup>3</sup>*

This de-concentration of power involves the de-concentration of credit-power. Whatever happens the payments will be made, the system depends on it. The question is who gets it and on what terms. If you roll back the public service it'll be made up by increased mortgage debt, a big new energy boondoggle, Musk's Mars pipe dream or some other innovation that assures control of credit-power remains with the dominator class. Whatever happens they must not solve the consumption problem. Orwell understood it.

*For if leisure and security were enjoyed by all alike, the great mass of human beings*

*who are normally stupefied by poverty would become literate and would learn to think for themselves; and when once they had done this, they would sooner or later realize that the privileged minority had no function, and they would sweep it away. In the long run, a hierarchical society was only possible on a basis of poverty and ignorance.*<sup>4</sup>

I would just add that poverty is not the only stupefying force. We could finally understand our predicament and empower individual people by putting them on a secure material basis de-linked from the necessity to sell something. While people rely on weekly and fortnightly payments for their food and accomodation they will do what the boss says. The answer to waste, fraud and abuse is not a top down, techno-fascist sacking spree. What is needed is more like a universal whistleblower protection. A dividend which insulates ordinary people from poverty for exercising their common sense and decency at work. We need a dividend which provides people with the freedom to simply go home. A dividend based on our social credit. The alternative exists. \*\*\*

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## **BEHIND THE MOUNTING TRADE WAR By Eric D. Butler May 1995**

In a prophetic BBC address on “The Causes of War”, and published in the 1937 edition of *The Monopoly of Credit*, C.H. Douglas, the founder of the movement known as Social Credit, demonstrated that military war was the end result of trade wars, and that trade wars were the result of modern industrialised nations attempting to solve a domestic shortage of purchasing power by “fighting” for foreign markets. Orthodox finance economics is based upon the view that domestic prosperity is based upon “capturing” foreign markets, thus obtaining what is called a “favourable balance of trade”.

Commonsense indicates that it is impossible for every exporting nation to have a “favourable balance of trade”; that there must be nations with an unfavourable balance. This is the current complaint of the U.S.A.: that Japan has been exporting an increasing amount of production to the U.S.A. while failing to import equivalent production from the U.S.A. The imbalance is greatest in the field of motorcars. U.S.A. trade representative Mr. Mickey Kantor has produced a “hit list” of Japanese goods for a proposed punitive import duty. The American policy makers are

attempting to force the Japanese into accepting a bigger volume of American production. The Japanese have pointed out that the American policy would result in the bankrupting of a number of Japanese car producing industries, with a further increase in Japanese unemployment, this adding to growing social tensions.

In today's much publicised "internationalised" economy, there is no doubt that a major depression in Japan would have serious international implications. The last time that the U.S.A. imposed a severe economic boycott on Japan it led to Pearl Harbour and Japan's entry into the Second World War. It is highly probable that in today's world of nuclear weapons, policy makers everywhere want to avoid, if possible, military war which could endanger banking and other power groups, wherever they live. The alternative offered is the creation of Common Markets, Free Trade Blocs. Both Washington and Tokyo have indicated that they are seeking Australian support.

Prime Minister Keating has already criticised the American approach, primarily for the threat of unilateral action, arguing, "we ought to be concentrating on more open and freer trade generally". Keating is a prominent advocate of an Asian and Pacific trading bloc. Any short term benefit to Australian primary producers, resulting from the Japanese responding to American import restrictions by switching from American farm products to Australian products, would almost certainly be offset by destabilised commodity prices resulting from a major America Japan trade conflict.

As has been previously pointed out in *On Target*, the whole world is moving towards deepening crisis conditions. It is elementary that if there are 20 major industrialised nations, all suffering from a domestic shortage of purchasing power to buy what has been produced, reducing the 20 down to 10 by forcing them into trading blocs, will not increase the total purchasing power by one dollar. If the much-publicised World State with a world economy could be established, this would still not overcome the basic problem. But in the attempt to achieve this objective, millions of small producers, primary and secondary, would be destroyed with horrendous social dislocation. The signs of this dislocation can be seen everywhere.

In his BBC address on "The Causes of War", Douglas said that by putting its own house in order, by modifying financial policy to make it possible for the British to enjoy the benefits of their production system without threatening other nations with an aggressive export policy, they would lead the world away from threatened military action and set an example to the rest of the world. But as a Member of the European Economic Community, Britain has surrendered much of its sovereignty to Brussels - interestingly enough, the capital of a Multicultural Nation now in deep turmoil.

The state of the world provides a clear message to Australia: break with internationalism, correct its own internal problems, thus strengthening the economy and thus encouraging other nations to do likewise.

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## Man on the Street By Arnis Luks

This last week or so I have been working in the street fixing an axle, bearings and brakes of a small caravan. Talking to the neighbours as they passed by has been an interesting exercise of what they are thinking of the current state of the world, and what they're putting in place as self-help to stave off the inevitable devouring financial and political wolves.

Some are too busy just working to make ends meet, to even stop to consider the deeper ramifications of the events that are directly affecting them. Others, even though they are also working and may be a very busy parent, make time to enquire and discuss the state of the world. This is of primary consideration, of whether they can and do make time to consider, or not. Some you can talk to about events and their deeper ramifications, and some you can't.

For those who do make the time, the investment is really important because this back and forth research provides vital information as to what real people are actually thinking.

For those who can't make time, (at this moment in time) their eyes glazing over as you raise some of these deeper issues, you must be patient until they are in a personal position that causes them to seek out legitimate answers – 'events move people'.

Donald Trump and Robert F Kennedy Junior, as people who you can place enormous amounts of faith in should you choose to do so, I expect you will be sadly disappointing. They each are only one man, and particularly limited in what they can do against this bureaucratic state that desires to rule the world.

I am historically reminded of the election commitments made by Bob Menzies in the 1946 election campaign of 'putting the shillings back into the pound', after which the bureaucrat HC (Nugget) Coombs fought him to a standstill rather than reinstate 'consumer subsidies', (a wartime measure to stop inflation). Inflation, as policy of the RBA, has continued since and the effects are being felt in every pay packet of every family Australia wide.

Some are just going through the motions, wondering how long are they going to be able to hold on till the inevitable foreclosure, or the legendary cavalry arrives providing some financial relief.

I see this as wishful thinking.

Self-rescue is the only viable and lasting solution. Our elites, no matter what persuasion you personally favour, will not provide any lasting resolution to the state of the financial-world. It must be a concerted civil movement against the money power and their monopoly control over our financial and political systems. This is the root cause of all our woes, including the war in the Ukraine and the proxy wars in the Middle East.

While the USA and Britain are the chief protagonists in these two theatres of war, the policy is entirely controlled by central banks to alleviate financial-pressure on the government, public, and private levels of irredeemable debt.

Trump wishes to receive \$500B of rare earths as reparations from the Ukraine. Most of the financial support offered by the USA was squandered away by others and very little spent on the Ukraine battlefield. This is after their vital infrastructure has been destroyed and 600,000 lives lost, some sources say more than 1 Million in this exercise-of-futility.

The Treaty of Versailles considered historically, was the root cause of the rise of the Third Reich. Germans were impoverished because of reparations from the First World War. As to the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand being the trigger for WWI, retrospectively considered, this was but a lame excuse for a plan already conceived many years earlier.

All of Europe is now (2025) preparing for war, this is while peace negotiations are taking place. Peace is not on the agenda as: “only in war, or the threat of war, will the ... people accept the imposition of large-scale planning”.

Our Prime Minister is considering placing our military forces on the Ukraine border with Russia. This decision, just by our troops being there, will involve us in any military conflict in that region should war eventuate. What an ill thought through consideration. Have they, our leaders, not learnt anything from the millions of lives squandered from two world wars, and the absolute futility of war as a means of achieving a lasting peace.

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## **The State of Australia**

**By Tom Dolling, *Port Lincoln*, and Arnis Luks, *Adelaide***

### **Inflation and Rising Debt**

Inflation, like coin-clipping, erodes spending power. It does not occur by chance, but is in fact a deliberate policy driven by those in control of the financial system.

Looking at several indicators, being the increases in rates, taxes and insurance against property, it becomes obvious that inflation of these costs is running at least into double-digit figures, if not more.

Financial stress experienced on the ground, are with families seeking extensions for property loans (to make the debt multi-generational). Parents, more secure in their own property, are being asked to assist with the financing of their children's mortgages. From a strategic perspective, this can put both under mortgage-duress leading to confiscation through foreclosure of both assets, rather than just the one. The inflation and rising-debt menace reflects one branch of a many-branched-attack - to deliberately breakdown society.

### **Breakdown of the Family Unit**

Compelling women unnecessarily (in this age of automation, advanced control, AI and robotics), into the workforce is another outcome of inflation and rising debt. Industry must recoup its rising costs through the reduction of labour. This manoeuvres our young children into state-care where they are more-readily orientated towards state perspectives/objectives with the use of quite-sophisticated propaganda programs.

## **Universities Preparing Propaganda Zealots**

Our universities, which provide all the next generation of elites, are riddled with activist professors promoting a culture that destroys the common language. You can't speak openly without the threat of failing to appease, acknowledge, or mis-gendering someone.

Cancel-culture, which includes a rewriting of our history, is a deliberate psychological 'message of shame'. Our rural landscape is littered with monstrosities to 'save the planet' while shutting down all our main primary industries and capping our abundant fuel reserves, losing our self-reliance and independence in the process.

## **De-industrialising Our Nation as Policy**

Whyalla's problems began in earnest in the early 1980s under a Federal Liberal Government and ACTU collaboration, with the shipyard being shutdown to transfer this vital industry to third world nations under the North-South Dialogue:

<https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/43541655.pdf>

One of those third world nations recently had 3 warships, having been produced from iron-ore and coal we supplied, outside Botany-Bay test-firing live rounds, and menacingly circumnavigating our continent.

The records show that the Trade Union Movement readily accepted the demise of our National Industry, and the transfer. You would have thought that securing member's jobs and vital industries would have been their priority. Not so!

Our politicians and elites appear incapable, or more aptly, unwilling to find permanent resolution, building further upon demoralization and breakdown. This isn't occurring because of sunspots, or visitors from another planet. It is occurring due to the pursuit of this policy-of-breakdown by those who believe they have a right to own the whole world, and you will own nothing...

## **Societies Adapt to Natural Events**

People readily adapt to most calamity when natural disasters occur. Society doesn't collapse but is being tested as to its resilience. War, famine, and inflation on the other hand, are man-controlled events that can bring about complete societal breakdown.

Ukraine, having its vital infrastructure physically destroyed, and experiencing significant loss of life, is certainly being tested to the limits, as is Palestine. Both nations have lost control of their own administration. Policy is dominated by central banks, with asset transfers, inflation, and on top, irredeemable-reparation (as debts).

## **Alternatives Exist – Philosophy and Policy**

The primary cause, or the source of the world's dilemmas, is the weaponised financial system, designed to bring about societal unrest, inflation, irredeemable debt, and removal of any semblance of security-of-tenure. Whether it be the environment, climate, covid-19, bio-security, or another World War, all have a financial root-cause that benefits only the financial sector from this 'created chaos' - Boom and then Bust cycles.



Did you know that money is created out of nothing every time a new loan is issued? Did you know that the interest charges for these new loans are not included with this process of ‘issuing’ (as debt)? There is never enough money issued to clear the debt. But that is not-nearly half of the problems of the financial system in the modern era.

### **Humans Are Becoming Redundant for Industry**

Automation, Advanced Control, AI, and Robotics are replacing human involvement within the industrial and manufacturing processes. This has been occurring for over 100 years, but never before at this rate of implementation. Robbo-Debt was an experiment trialled by the Liberal-National Coalition governments under Tony Abbott, Malcolm Turnbull, and Scott Morrison. Elon Musk is spearheading the AI displacement of people in the USA. Don't think it won't happen here, it has already been trialled, and is now being implemented – world-wide.

### **Our Banking History**

The story of the Commonwealth Bank is part of our folklore, certainly not taught in schools, and yet it was a demonstration of our national resilience across the formative years 1911-24, when a sound financial policy was pursued. We built the railway line across the Nullabor, infrastructure like water, sewer and power systems, purchased Steam Ships for the Commonwealth Fleet, and processed the First World War, all virtually debt free. Britain was still paying B. of E. war-debts 100 years later.

The financial policy of the 1911-1924 Commonwealth Bank allowed farmers, home-owners, entrepreneurs and innovators to open up Australia while simultaneously developing new industries, all by having access to long-term low-interest loans. Farmers and Industry also rely heavily on a competitive fuel/energy price to remain viable. Stable and affordable energy systems, and access to long-term low-interest loans are the key to remaining competitive on the world stage. Neither is ensured under the UniParty Lib/Lab governments. They collude together to hamstring all our efforts, preferring to promote the policy of inter-dependence.

### **State Banking**

The relatively modern (1980s) history of the Bank of South Australia being driven insolvent, as was the State Bank of Victoria, clearly shows the level of rot in high places. The record is there to be searched out: *‘Things Fall Apart: a History of the State Bank of South Australia, 2002’*, for those willing to seek the truth of our time: *‘Tricontinental: The Rise and Fall of a Merchant Bank’*.

Our Federal Constitution allows State Banking, provided lending is conducted within the state borders. (Sect. 51 Legislative Powers : xiii)

The recent announcement for Whyalla steel-production, could be financed by long-term, low-interest loans, as could a new power station for Port Augusta, to ensure both plants meet and exceed emission, reliability, and efficiency standards. The existing plant at Whyalla could physically produce the highest-quality steel

necessary. The CSIRO, once a bastion of scientific research instead of being a climate-propaganda outlet, could be re-orientated to its original commission as the Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organisation. The designs for these new plants may be rocket-science, but the financial precedents have been set, and the Constitution allows State-financing, providing elite and public are both willing and able.

### **A New Financial System is Required**

A man called CH Douglas saw this (day coming) more than 100 years ago when he was spearheading the advanced engineering of the London-Mail-Rail, an early version of automatic-machinery displacing human labour. The London-Mail-Rail continued in service from 1927 until 2003. Douglas wrote extensively of human displacement by automated machinery requiring a novel financial approach - to get over to the public what industry can produce, with the least amount of effort.

Douglas toured the world lecturing of the phenomena called '*Social Credit*' – the increment of association 'experienced' when human-beings work together to achieve a common goal. A new financial system is required, distributing a corresponding amount of spending power to the public, against the goods and services produced, (without incurring debt). While there is a disciplined science to be considered behind this type of novel thinking, the understanding is within the grasp of an average graduate.

### **A National Vision**

Banking policy must be directed back to the national-interest – yes. And a new financial policy must also be initiated - constituted by a Royal Warrant, being above government and bureaucratic interference. A '*National Credit Authority*' – whose main function is to assess the capacity of production - with associated PRICES, against the current SPENDING POWER of the people (in the form of wages, salaries and dividends). The disparity, or shortfall between PRICES and WAGES etc. is to be made up with the periodic issuing of a NATIONAL DIVIDEND to liquidate all costs associated with PRICES at the point of sale.

What is physically possible from the means of production, for a self-reliant and resilient people, must be made financially possible.

Clifford Hugh Douglas proposed a decentralised Financial Policy called '*Social Credit*', which would place financial policy at the foot of every individual, where it rightfully belongs. Read further about Douglas Social Credit here :

***Veritasbooks.com.au***

No realistic vision for Australia's future is possible without looking to the nation's philosophical and cultural roots. A vision for the future should embody the conception of Australia making its own distinctive contribution, enriching that historical stream of Western Civilisation into the future. The conscious aim should be '*to save ourselves by our own endeavours and the rest of the world by example*'.

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## **NEW ATTACKS ON SENATE** by **Eric D. Butler** *On Target* 19 March 1999

Obstruction to the Commonwealth Government in the Senate eventually result in a spate of suggestions that the Senate should be “reformed”. Over the years all the major political parties have been in favour of steps to try to reduce the powers of the Senate. In recent times one of the most memorable attacks on the Senate was by former Prime Minister Paul Keating, who referred to Senators as “unrepresentative swill”.

Critics of the Senate tend to brush aside the fact that Senators are elected by the same Australians who elect Members of the House of Representatives. But the problem, from the parties’ point of view, is that electors keep on electing Independents and smaller political groups to the Senate.

Currently it is Independent Tasmanian Senator Harradine who is upsetting the Howard Government. Some of the Senator’s comments about the Howard Government are far from flattering. Supporters of the Howard Government respond by claiming that it is “undemocratic” for one Senator to have the power to block, or water down legislation introduced by a Government, which received “a mandate” from the Australian people at the last Federal elections.

In order to bring this matter into proper perspective, it is necessary to go back to the history of the creation of the Australian Federation last century, and the Constitution governing the Federation. It is a matter of history that the electors of the separate Sovereign States were initially far from enthusiastic about abolishing their State Governments in favour of a Federal Government which the smaller States feared would be dominated by New South Wales and Victoria, and the big capital cities - Sydney and Melbourne.

One of the most overly stressed perpetrated myths about the creation of the Australian Federation has been that it was designed to abolish the States. The old *Sydney Bulletin* was prominent in promoting this myth. So far from being true, the Federal Constitution makes specific provision for the creation of New States (Chapter VI [121]). Today’s Australians have heard little about a number of flourishing New State movements, the most prominent of these being the new England New State movement in the Riverina, Western Victoria and South East South Australia, and North Queensland. At one time the creation of New States was an objective of the Country Party, which originally was a strongly decentralist party. Originally the promoters of Federation included New Zealand in their programme, but eventually the New Zealanders rejected the concept. The history of the reluctance of West Australia to join is relatively better known.

The reality is that the Senate was created to serve the States, with major powers remaining with the States. The concept of a Senate in which all the States, including

the smaller ones, would have equal representation, was a major factor in persuading reluctant electors to vote for Federation. The Senate was to be known as “the States’ House”. But insufficient thought was given to how the Upper House was to be elected.

From the beginning the political parties set out to dominate the Senate. Australia’s first Federal Prime Minister Barton was one of the first to suggest that the Senate should be elected by a system of proportional representation. He was unsuccessful. The eventual introduction of proportional representation for Senate voting tended to reflect the original spirit of the Constitution, which favoured decentralisation of power. It is important to recall that the traditional British system of representative government was based on the representation of interests, rather than mere numbers. There was a time, for example, when the major university cities had their own representatives in the House of Commons, these representatives often being Independents of outstanding abilities, such as the famous A.P. Herbert.

From the beginning of the history of government, man has grappled with the problem of how to prevent government from becoming a monster. The concept of Senates, or Upper Houses, elected on a different franchise from Lower Houses, was developed as one means of dividing power and protecting the individual. One of Australia’s most prestigious historians, Professor Blainey, has rendered a valuable contribution to the Republican debate, by reminding Australians that Hitler took his first major step towards creating a dictatorship when he managed, quite legally, to concentrate all political power in his own hand.

Abolition of the institution of Constitutional Monarchy in Australia could pave the way for the emergence of an Australian political dictatorship. A reduction in the powers of the Senate would also help to foster the further centralisation of power, with little checks and balances on power remaining. A major problem is that, providing they have the combined numbers, the major political parties could unite to alter the voting system for the Senate. There appears to be no constitutional power to prevent the major political parties doing this.

It is essential that electors unite to make it clear that they will reject any Federal MP who is in favour of abolishing the present system of electing Senators.

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