

Letter to the Governor General

# Minnows In The Swamp By Neville Archibald

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Aren't we lucky that all the problems with the western world will end now!

With 'The Donald', draining the swamp of the West's powerhouse country, we will be saved! We all look to the big brother of the West for answers, many are waiting with bated breath to see who he catches and who he leaves on the bank to flop about. Then of course, we all wait to see what fingerlings he replaces them with.

Me, I can't see him putting too many tasty fish back in a swamp that needs a certain type to survive. Dare I say, bottom dwellers and mud suckers? Those whose gills do not become clogged with the impurities of the water.

There is a lot more to a swamp than just those who live there. It is those who thrive there that have me worried. 'Gators will always be 'Gators and Pike, pike. The minnows and the trout may have a place, but it is a dangerous one for them. Why? The water teems with life, bigger fish eat the little fish, the injured fish and the slow large fish.

Then of course you have a lot of people who think they will get out of the swamp, the polluted waters and move to mountain streams or clear bright rivers. Eventually the other predators, the bear and his cousins will fish there too, taking out many in the prime of their lives. Their existence might be better for a while, but death from predation will come to us all unless we take control.

What a bleak metaphor! Upon reading this back I worry that I may have lost some of the less outdoorsy types, but thankfully David Attenborough continues his run on commercial TV and will have done something to you.

I see us as the minnows in the story. The small fry, who not only make up the majority of life, but the life that feeds the whole system. Without whom there

would be no larger world. We live in a collective large school, society as a whole, the civilized part, that moves us forward out of that fish eat fish life of mere survival. A minnows strength is in his numbers, there being too many to focus on, to catch one. We confuse them! A shimmery mass that splits in two and rejoins when the predator has missed. But to truly survive, the predators must be kept away from our 'schools'. We must stick together and modify our environment to our advantage. Create a restriction to keep the hungry at bay. Then only the ones that swim outside the flags, or on the outside of the shark net become the food of the predators. Unlike minnows, we developed methods to stop the predators taking as many as they liked. A catch limit if you like! These methods are found in the formation of Government, laws and regulations. Limits are placed on individuals for a reason, to stop the unscrupulous from committing violence on a population without restriction. We don't have a Wild West, where the sheriff shoots the baddies (pity, I sometimes reflect). We are civilized, and civilization brings with it a certain tempering perhaps too much at times. It is; however, up to that civilization to decide on these limits or the minnows will be farmed to feed the greater fish, the unscrupulous, self serving fish who will get fat on our carcasses.

So what stops us from being strong together and ensuring we control life in the waters, and why has it become a swamp? What has become of those safety nets, what of the holes that let in the sharks? It is a question I ask myself often, each time I find a reason, another excuse for it. The truth is, we the minnows, have stopped tending and repairing the nets. Our net menders have been neglected, given no material to fix those holes or tears, no help to hold off he vermin who push rudely through into our quiet waters. In some cases we have elected those very predators into the simple job of maintenance. The nets have been so long neglected that a flood of these predators has come in and muddied the waters with their thrashing and turned us into that very swamp 'the Donald' wishes to drain. We must watch carefully to see that we don't end up with ever so slightly better predators, who propose to 'fix' the problems, all the while smiling that shark toothed smile.

In America, since everyone is looking, talking, I look with care at the breed of appointee that is put forward. What is their background? What moral stance do they have? How have they behaved in the past?

The likes of: Scott Bessent, appointed for treasury, a Wall St financier who worked for George Soros, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Howard Lutnick, commerce, a billionaire and CEO of Cantor Fitzgerald, who it appears from my reading, favours the libertarian finance principles. The market rules, no holds barred? He was also involved, like Musk in earth observation satellites through Satellogic.

Elon Musk, who many hold up as supporting our rights and freedoms, but who I see implementing a web of orbiting surveillance gear. I am happy to hope it is for a good cause, but my caution tells me to wait and see. Sadly, if it is misused, undoing something that big once it is implemented, will be a difficult thing to do.

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Along with another wealthy entrepreneur, Vivek Ramaswamy, it appears they will lead an interesting sounding, 'department of government efficiency'. I hope that my cynical side, the side that sees that sort of wording as doublespeak *à la 1984*, is just a clouded one. Machine like efficiency I ask? All doing exactly the right thing, at the right time, in the right way; will it trickle down to individuals too, so society can be more 'efficient'?

David Sacks, a wealthy venture capitalist, for A.I. and crypto.

Paul Atkins as securities and exchange: both major players in this new moneylike system, which if linked to A.I., may well see surveillance and control as just the start of a thing that I, along with many others, dread. The end of cash and the rise of a totally controlled money supply. No buying or selling without big brothers' knowledge or approval.

I am sure there are others, and maybe many of those I have mentioned are truly angels waiting to do good. My biggest red flag is the continuation of what I see as the faulty Keynesian economic system that is responsible for many of the evils we now face. A cabinet populated with Wall St financiers and billionaires will not change the crucial issues we face where the system is designed to perpetuate debt growth and wealth transfer from the poorest to the richest.

Our demise has come about largely by people not having the time to think about the bigger issues of society. With the pursuit of just mere survival in this economic system, the greatest problem they have, all other things pale. We are effectively slaves to that system. We are told to look at people who have made the transformation from minnow to shark and endeavour to do the same, not realising we are becoming a part of that greater problem and destroying a fair and advancing society as we make it big.

Are we going to be happy, tearing the body of civilization apart for the scattered bits of carrion it provides, a short lived meal, before each one turns on the other in a feeding frenzy as the world collapses into anarchy. For that is where we are headed if we all act like the predators in our midst.

What steps do we take to turn this around?

The vocal among us, tell us to stand up and be counted, to vote for  $\dots$ , to stop turning the other cheek!

Yes! We must stand up and speak out, if enough do it, it becomes normal to do again. Instead of, "don't talk politics or religion in polite company!" it should be, "speak out against this nonsense when you see it, call out the emperor in his new clothes"! The conventions of being timid or quiet are supposed to keep us subdued. In many cases it is to divide us, from those who do speak out. We find others acting entitled or offended and looking for our support when someone speaks out. We should not be supporting them, the offended! Tell them instead to grow up, to give back as good as they get, engage in robust argument and test your opinions. Don't flinch at the thought of disagreement, you are being engineered to be quiet, to not speak your mind. The pretend world of television and other media is sculpted to do 19 On Target February 2025

this! Our social lifestyles have been influenced by exposure to this type of thought for too long, it needs to change! We have said nothing for too long and we are suffering for it. The entrepreneurs and bigshot billionaires have no such qualms, they speak of us at Davos as if we do not matter, or are just the inconvenient populations of the earth, there to serve, theirs to manipulate.

How does a trained policeman deal with confrontation and reasonable enforcement of things that would otherwise cause society harm? Say he pulls over a driver for an insecure load. Hopefully he points out the reason for stopping, then calmly but firmly either takes you off the road until you fix it and issues a fine, or not, depending on your reaction.

He does not, or should not, just let it go and say fix it when you get home! A cross your fingers and hope it doesn't kill someone on the way, is not an option! He should do it calmly and patiently with the authority of his office. Our response needs to be similar in that we are reasoned and clear in what we expect. No matter how offensive these people are, those around us should see our side of the interaction as reasonable at least.

I shouldn't need to tell people how to interact with each other, this is something that already should exist. It is a part of getting on with life and you are considered to be a grown-up once it is learned, otherwise you should be treated as underdeveloped, immature, and told so.

We need to stand up for reality, common sense as it was once called, not bite our lip and let perversions of this reality rule society.

Politics is no different. Being active within all spheres of society is probably most important in this realm. As I said, government is the interaction between larger groups of people within that society. How we function or relate *en masse*. The Greek word for Idiot is one who plays no part in that functioning, has no interest in the workings of society. It is an apt word for those who don't take it seriously.

Of all the reasons I hear for not taking part, by far, time is the greatest. At least it seems to be the most often used excuse. Yet it is also the simplest to find! On a shopping trip you have a list. Things to buy or do while in town. A part of your life that keeps you alive and comfortable. Add ten minutes to this routine, have another list, a short-written reason for things you would like to see, things you feel need to be addressed. Wrongs that should be taken up by that larger group called society. Something that your local politician is responsible for or able to respond to. Stop in at their office in town, speak to them, or leave instructions of your desires. Their job is to listen to their electorate to re-present it, in the greater parliament. How can they know (or feel pressure to act) if they are not instructed to do so. This is acknowledging there is a hole in the net that protects us, our representatives are our net weavers. Present your will so it can be done. (See: Arthur Cresby, *Your Will Be Done. https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Chresby\_A-Your\_Will\_Be\_Done.pdf*)

If you didn't know it, that is actually your job as a citizen. It needs to happen far more regularly than it does at present. If your net weavers cannot tie a good knot or fail in their darning skills, replace them! If their net weavers union (labor, liberal, green) favour the holes in the net being big enough to let some predators through, throw them out *en masse*, they are a fifth column to true advancing civilization, recognise that and act!

If you wonder, am I not now off track from the beginning article? The subject of old man Donald who had a swamp, I am not.

The American system allows for things the Australian does not. Presidential powers to pardon, to appoint people to positions without being elected by popular vote (no minnows involved), to name an important few. If the big fish are still in control and are fighting to keep a place in the fishy world's pecking order, then what say do we have? In America it seems to be Donald's call, and some of his appointees can be just that, appointed not elected. Others have to go through the senate (here we could justifiably say that is public approval for it is a senate the minnows elected). What say has the population of America got for those that received strictly presidential appointment? It will be then up to the rest of those elected, to temper the doings of these people, good or bad. I believe it will be harder for those in America, who wish to clean up this mess, than it will be here in Australia.

Our swamp, our bureaucracy, are hired and fired by government ministers, who are in turn, hired and fired by us (elected by the citizens of each individual electorate). No one is appointed who cannot be removed, by us acting properly through our elected representatives. We have no president with his appointed coterie helping him to do his will (rather than the will of the electorate). Our Prime Minister has not those powers, he himself is subject to his own small electorate, and can be removed by them without involving the whole country in a huge and costly election. He is like a jury foreman, a front man to speak for the rest of the collective parliament- supposedly. The parties are a different matter, but these too are made up of individuals that could be targeted in an electorate specific campaign. Each electorate acting responsibly in accordance with their true desires could achieve this reformation of parliaments by this method. The will to do so just needs to be activated.

If we minnows can provide a true voice of our own to the governing structure we have, then that voice should remain as ours -the electorate it came from. With enough "true voices" the bureaucracy must listen and act accordingly, or be fired, and others found who will.

One or two voices, even supported, will not be enough, they will be lost in that swamp and over-spoken by other vested interests. Nationwide discussion and rebirth is needed. Collectively we need to rise to the occasion and start demanding proper representation from those we elect.

There was a communal discussion at the time of federation, with people looking

for something better, something new they could call their own. It was a birth event, and so, special to most, a defining moment. Can we find that defining moment this time? What would it be? How does it differ? For one, we are not redesigning our system, we are essentially removing its corruption. That which is stopping it from working as it was designed to do. To do this the community must participate, must demand change.

Is our defining moment going to be 'health' as it appears to be in America? With the likes of Bobby Kennedy and his Make America Healthy Again? The ammunition for awakening society is growing with every new freedom of information release on the failed Pandemic response. The damage that the poorly tested new therapeutic (jab) has done, and is still doing, could well be that one thing that makes us realise just how corrupt our system has become! There are also many other corruptions leaking from a system that is under stress on many fronts. Pick one and run with it. Find the primary truth and wave it about. To me, Corruption in general, is the biggest thing we all should be able to see, we just need to talk about it and ask why we are accepting of it? In our own back yard, we would react. Why is that bigger backyard, our Nation, any different? \*\*\*

What future do we want for our children?

# **Keep Talking By Arnis Luks**

Donald Trump, in the news reported below, argues that International Law must arbitrate moral equivalency, rather than provide for 'all to stand equally before a law'. The Australian Christian Lobby has fallen into this same trap of arguing moral equivalency rather than 'law being common amongst all mankind' - the natural or universal law.

Trump sanctions International Criminal Court, calls it 'illegitimate'

#### https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx2p19l24g2o

The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew chapter 5, 6, and also 7, reveals this profound truth. There is no moral equivalency, no bias to the benefit of one group over the other. St Paul (and Isaiah) called this bias-approach as 'filthy rags' in comparison to knowing Christ crucified - being considered above others.

Dostoevsky also enters into this same discussion with his profound insight here:

The One Lie You Tell Yourself That's Ruining Your Life | Fyodor Dostoevsky

## https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5imC1j-Yw4

I performed a scriptural-internet-search of this subject and uncovered many references 'against' God the Son's teachings within 'The Words of Christ in Red'. Like the Scofield study bible holding a bias towards an elite few, the substantial 'Words of Christ in Red' are completely discounted or ignored. This heresy (error causing confusion among Christians), is within the gates of the structured church.

1 Timothy 6:3-5 3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to that doctrine which is according to godliness, 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but sick about questions and strifes of words; from which arise envies, contentions, blasphemies, evil suspicions, 5 Conflicts of men corrupted in mind, and who are destitute of the truth, supposing gain to be godliness.

This also demonstrates disparity between 'individualism – biasing the benefit of yourself over all others', rather than 'also being answerable to all others in pursuit of your own objectives'.

Unity (of law common to all mankind) and diversity (the individual to pursue interests within a moral and responsible environment – think of the road rules and the anarchist, speeding driver).

The Australian Christian Lobby's newsletter caused this still-developing thought to develop further:

... Inalienable rights are derived from God alone and are the same for all. The sabbath is made for man, and not man made for the sabbath – means that systems (sabbath) are established for the benefit of every individual wherever they exist, prince or pauper, Christian, Jew, Muslim, or Samaritan alike etc. The rights of the unborn child are excluded or being overridden by the rights of women's pursuit of unaccountable liberty in health etc. The rights of the rainbow cult similar, to the exclusion of those individuals pursuing traditional family arrangements, and now, the rights of (selected) Semites overriding other Semites, Christians or Muslims alike, each demonstrate an unequal, biased, and very selective share of rights to a particular group – rainbow etc. over all others. This is an abuse of the law system (being common to all).

The war crimes trials from last century were only for a selected theatre of war against one group of selected people. War is a universal crime that should be prosecuted against every officer who issue an order to a soldier, and the economist, bureaucrat, banker, industrialist and politician alike who issues the policy that causes war in the first place.

Law must be based at the feet of the individual, serving everyone equally – whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you also to them. For this is the law and the prophets..... etc.

All are to be treated equally before the law. This is the deep flaw within Scofield's Dispensationalist Theology and Trump's 'Moral Equivalency' argument.

Shooting dead an unarmed child is murder, whether this act is performed in a theatre of war, or in your own neighbourhood, or your own home, it is still murder. Bombing a village of civilians in Vietnam, or Europe, or the Middle East, puts the perpetrator at some distance from the visible consequences and their own conscience, but this does not detract from the outcome of destroyed lives.

#### **False Justification**

In this article by Anthony Eagan "Dostoevsky and the Pleasure of Taking Offense : Much of history is a tale of excessive offense-taking", the writer examines Dostoevsky's deeper meanings taken at the personal level and to the extreme by the Dostoevsky characters, to rationalise murder even in their own mind. Used as a metaphor towards all other individuals, religions, races or nations, the glaring flaw within this process of thinking becomes more apparent.

Moslem, Hindu and Pharisaic philosophies define separate classes of people. They cannot reconcile this point of cleavage between the Christian Philosophy and their own – all individuals being of intrinsic value before God. The despised Samaritan was the one who did the will of the Father – reconned unto him as righteousness. Judeo-Christian is a nonsense descriptor, generating cognitive dissonance in the mind of the adherent. Both philosophies are in antagonism to each other on this vital point. To be fair, even some branches with the Christian faith hold a position of God 'dispensing' his blessings on only the elect, rather than giving substantive weight to the 'Words of Christ written in Red' –

*Matt* 6:43-48 You have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thy enemy. But I say to you, Love your enemies: do good to them that hate

you: and pray for them that persecute and calumniate you: That you may be the children of your Father who is in heaven, who maketh his sun to rise upon the good, and bad, and raineth upon the just and the unjust. For if you love them that love you, what reward shall you have? do not even the publicans this? And if you salute your

brethren only, what do you more? do not also the heathens this?

*Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect.'.* The law should be 'propositioned' at the individual level. If something done is a wrong act, all should receive equal consideration – protection or prosecution –

Matt 7:12 'whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you also to them. For this is the law and the prophets.'

# **Deeper Thinking**

I completed my reading of the professor Anne Twomey tome '*The Veiled Sceptre*', and I cannot help but marvel as to the similarities of , at times, dis-functioning familial arrangements and the workings of the Westminster system of responsible and representative democracy.

Donald Trump is acting as a bull in a china shop. His decisive actions, similar to those of the National Cabinet during Covid lockdown, while some accept as necessary due to the previous encroachments against traditional rights and freedoms, demonstrate that inherent flaw within us all, to be the dictator.

"If only I was in charge and I would do this and that and that."

Well, he is US President, and this process becomes a real problem as the procedural flow now coming from Executive Orders thereby moving away from the correct legislative pathway of the two Houses within Congress.

Within family as well as constitutionalism, ill-considered and brash decisions can be equally destructive. It may take several generations to recognise the flaw within an Executive Order or Proclamation as the long-term ramifications become apparent, then requiring litigation through the courts and a judicial determination of lawfulness, rather than debates, committee meetings and public consultation before passing through the 2 Houses prior to becoming a law.

Puberty blockers and such other medication for young children is a point in question. Some saw the inherent danger and physical destruction (mutilation) immediately. Others (the majority) had to observe the consequences in the real world before they became convinced. The abstraction, when incarnated, became a nightmare for those personally involved or closely associated with results of this policy. A majority only ever considers superficially as Douglas reinforces with the statement 'we descend to meet'. As the Greek philosopher also stated 'those not involved with the political process and discussions are idiots – have no mind'.

## https://medium.com/original-philosophy/are-we-political-idiots-your-moral-dutyto-take-a-public-stance-c7bff40cf2c7

The real question constitutionally, in fact the only question, is one of unfettered power-and-authority compared to limited power and limited authority in a fully responsible environment – the parliament. The example of our own parliaments is that the Ministers come from Parliament and are therefore respons-ible to Parliament (and the electorate - but from a greater distance) for the outcomes of policy. Seeing the ramifications of providing puberty blockers and such like to some as young as 12, didn't get Parliamentarians into an uproar holding the Ministers and Bureaucrats to account. The MSM quite often could report something, but don't due to commercial ramifications. The opportunity is also there for Representatives, even in the very controlled and dominated environment of the Parliament, within question time, to raise these important issues and call the relevant Ministers to account.

## Jo Haylen resigns as NSW transport minister over taxpayer driver scandal https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/jo-haylen-resigns-as-nsw-transport-ministerover-taxpayer-driver-scandal/p1gp8bb2m

The article above demonstrates a soft glove approach, rather than, possibly a call to prosecute.

## **Many Newsletters**

The newsletters I receive from quite a few political alternatives, are more about marketing themselves than concentrating on the necessary financial relief required for all the public. The Sydney council that saw fit to increase rates by 40%, is blaming the Liberal party (who were absent from the council election ballot paper) for this fiasco, having failed to register their candidacy prior to the election.

The Liberal absence within Council certainly was a missed moment. However, the council is dominated by other aligned representatives who are ducking for cover from the public outcry.

Pauline PHON tax policy for self-funded retirees, does offer some relief for that group, but rather than look at the substantive and progressive nature of inflation with progressively increasing taxes on everyone, only offers tax relief for this few, while others will have to make up the shortfall – socialism by another route, but socialism still the same.

#### **Consultation is missing**

The Australian Constitutional Conventions in the 1890s are a good demonstration of insufficient consultation. The first round of conventions gained little public imagination and became stalled. Whereas some colonial parliaments (prior to achieving statehood) later enacted legislation that allowed public participation in the selection and election process of the delegates - to attend the next round of constitutional conventions. The public's imagination became awakened as to the possibilities of nationhood from which developed our own and unique form of a federated constitutionalism, based on distinct limits and divisions of power, representative democracy, and responsible government.

#### **Donald As Dictator**

Prof Flint (in a *Spectator* article 28th January) is suggesting that policy issued by Executive Order which bypasses Congress and can - through much effort - be determined judicially – adjudicated through the courts. Lionel Murphy demonstrated the problem here in 1983 with the 4/3 Franklin Dam decision, that politicised courts are not the most reliable place to achieve relief, but only determine as to their interpretation of law – similar to Scofield's book, called the 'study bible' which inverts-the-true-meaning of the substantive 'Words of Christ in Red'.

"Incidentally, one of the current criticisms of executive orders is erroneous. Arguing for the superiority of our constitutional monarchy, one Facebook page claims executive orders bypass Congress but have the 'same force behind them as legislation'. Not so. Reviewable in the courts, executive orders are simply orders to the civil service. Any legal impact must be supported by the Constitution or legislation made by Congress." Prof Flint

If the Legal Knights-and-Barons, and the Attorney Generals, both fail to pursue, due to their own political bias, neglect or want, to closely examine every conceivable constitutional ramification from Executive Orders, even those not yet apparent and understood, the advancement of totalitarianism continues : the centralising of power.

The process is the first issue – first, second, third readings - sent to committee – voted on - then placed before the upper house for further review, - voted on again – then finally given Royal assent to become law.

Second Issue – When the parliamentary process fails - the recent antisemitic law – even though it flowed rapidly through the correct process with bipartisan support and an empty parliament, again, that both methods and processes can be undermined for policy pursuits, especially with a compliant, 'silent' MSMedia.

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing"

- Edmund Burke On Target The inherent flaw within all constitutions, as demonstrated most recently by the US President and our own National Cabinet, is one of too much power in the hands of too few individuals (the President, National Cabinet, or the House of Commons in the UK and Canada fully controlled by political parties, with legislation not adequately reviewed and possibly vetoed by an in-active and compliant upper house) and Congress's difficulty in calling the heads of departments to account - their heads of department (ministers) not being members of Congress and therefore not responsible to the Congress directly – subject to committee review yes, but not within the procedural flow of the Congress proper.

Professor Anne Twomey's several books provide ready examples within her assessment of the Viceregal reserve powers, parliamentary precedents and practices, public consultation, and then further review, which is why it is necessary to consult, to warn, to consider very carefully, to look at past precedents and conventions, before making any ill-considered and brash decisions.

I noted within her footnotes, that some of these reserved powers are thought to have fallen into desuetude by not having been exercised in the recent past. However, there are counter comments within these same footnotes that, even though these Reserved Powers have not been exercised in the recent past, this does not mean that they have fallen into desuetude at all, but rather being very rarely used and still fully functional.

This discussion/education about our own systems of Constitutionally limited, Responsible and Representive Democracy, and other systems similar to ours, may be the key to unlocking the imagination of people-power against these tyrants – stirring up the great awakening - keep talking.

## **BASIC FUND**

The Basic Fund for this financial years is open. I am making a special call to all those who have planned to make a donation but maybe have over-looked doing so. The fund did not fill this past year so it will be wonderful if we can make a special effort with new donations. As always, we appreciate your contributions no matter how large or small. Each donation is really a vote of thanks for the work of the League and acknowledgment of the dedicated effort of those in the 'engine room'.

## **EXPANSION FUND**

There are plans afoot to considerably expand the number of League Speakers going into the field. They will require logistical and some financial support in advance, ready to respond to events as they occur. These forces of freedom offer leadership to a misguided public looking to restore their ancient rights and freedoms.

## BEQUESTS

Apart from the Basic Fund, the League is also a recipient of bequests from supporters who remember us in their Will. These dollars are the backstop and while we are grateful, it is unfortunate that on those occasions we are unable to personally express our thanks. Best details for establishing a bequest are available from HO.

# Letter to The Governor General

The Hon Ms Sam Mostyn AC Governor General of Australia Your Excellency

We are all concerned over the recent graffiti and other examples of offensive material in our cities and countryside. It has been driven by events in the Middle-East.

Police are apprehending suspected culprits who will be brought before our justice system.

Despite there being adequate laws to deal with these offences, our Parliament has passed new laws which appear to have been unnecessary when considering the suitability of the current rulings.

Also, when considering the above, there was absolutely no need to rush the Bill through Parliament. I have read that some MP's had only one hour to prepare for the debate. The Bill passed in 'double-quick' time like it was a war or such at hand. For these reasons I am asking you to withhold granting Royal Assent to the legislation. Please direct the Government to review the law for 6 months which will go beyond the election. During that time the public will be able to consider the matter and be able to partake in expressing concerns.

Free speech is a fundamental in sustaining overall freedom in a democracy and any curtailing of that freedom must be at the forefront of debate. Numerous political commentators have already claimed the new Bill will have far-reaching impacts on free speech. Of course, free speech has never been completely free due to protection of conditions such as libel.

Giving time for a review of the Bill will provide time for public input and enable true representative government.

Yours faithfully Ken Grundy

