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Submission #4

Australia must frack shale gas or die soon + our passing will be painful.
Downstream all byproducts + turn every engine to gas.

i am a career landman from day one on a really really primitive NZ horse + cart farm. Aus 1950 on land now 52 years Annaburroo Station to Dec. 1985 still on 750 acres from it. Mary River.

This gives you a deep insight into the forces of nature + the rythems of the seasons. Change those rythems even mildly collapses the food supply for all living things especially People who are top of the food chain.

Is why all climate change extinctions from whatever climate change cause all died from starvation. And we are selling The Farm.

2017 is my 67th year - successful - in the vicious ruthless war zone of small business - no quarter. In addition National + International Govs. continually shift the goal posts creating more chaos + roadblocks such as shale gas fracking stay today.

These two lifetime careers demand that at all times you must be aware to the best of your ability to all local National + International trends especially leadership

personal goals. Every tribe sits in a bus, its who has the steering wheel & what drives the driver that decides if that tribe reaches their destination or crashes along the way.

State of Play Today

For the last 60 yrs especially Australia, the entire West has lacked practical logical business Gov. management. Running their countries on ideology systems which are really religions.

Liberal - let market forces rule - greed takes over - result 1929 1987 1900² 2008 economic crashes.

Labour - the political arm of an enormously powerful drive to create a one world socialist Gov. The history of socialist systems prove they are unable to create basic wealth ie the ability to have enough money for basic survival needs of - food to eat or a place to live.

From Russia 1917-89 Mao Cuba Nth Korea & today Venezuela - bankrupt, super market shelves bare. Ditto all socialist countries.

Is why The West particularly Aus are bankrupt running on borrowed money & bulle wool - desperately selling The Farm to

China in a false strategy to stay afloat.

The Greens, Far left with no concept to create basic wealth or jobs in our fast fast changing world. You will not save The Reef.

Result - China has flooded the world with cheap products crashing all economies so now controls the world economy. Is dumping cheap finished steel & aluminium products world wide that is collapsing world nations production unless taxpayer funded. Knockon is China will control the worlds construction industry. The Emperor our worlds puppeteer.

There is no money in Aus or West, there will never be any money ever again under all present Gov management systems.

To survive the Aus & West must throw all existing Gov ideologies - (religions) - out the window & run Aus as a business. Based upon logic & common sense.

Worse. The above systems excepting China today have collapsed all world social systems & cohesion. We are living in a part of world social collapse & cohesion essential before implementing a new system such as ^{one} world socialist Gov.

Worse In January 2016 Saudi Arabia

excited 30 people, one a popular Iranian activist - result these two middle east superpowers were that far from war.

one Sunni - one Shia. In addition are both fighting a very serious proxy war in Yemen & perhaps Iran is winning.

The House of Saud has been propped up by UK then US until their 16 men took on US via 9/11. Young Saudis want changes & one day The House of Saud will collapse.

The entire middle east is collapsing + if + when the two heavyweights go to war there will be No Oil.

! want your panel to go outside + sit quietly in that real world of nature for a few minutes, saying nothing. You are sitting in the real world of only one law for all living things especially people. The strong eat the weak are eaten. No oil - instant Rus anarchy + cannibalism.

Seriously think about our world changing daily at warp speed - an avalanche of change at avalanche speed that wipes out all living things unable to adapt. And the Rus are asleep in the sun.

In addition Emperor Xi Jinping has jailed all opposition & late November 2016 went into a room with his support team & came out Supreme leader, locked the door.

Means - He who must be obeyed by totalitarian & deep down a totalitarian rule of a Communist dictatorial socialist state on a mission to rule the world within his lifetime - my timeframe 2030 >.

Totalitarian - dictionary version.

Of or designating a government or political regime whose main characteristic is considered to be the imposition of monolithic unity in every sphere of the life of its subjects, upheld by authoritarian means.

And will one day cut off Rus oil supply. Recently talked with People from Spain Italy Greece - all check fall of Chinese & their businesses including a major Greek Port, Silk roads everywhere - latest base Sibouti. Ditto UK France of Canada US & Rus. The Trojan Horses of Sun Tzu - To win a war without a war by decept & migration into the target (s) decades before takeover. Now already 70% plus in place.

The Aus first new sub probably operational 2028/30. Currently China has 70, many nuclear, fitting some with nuc tipped rockets, by 2030 expect around 100, plus a supa blue water fleet + army superior to anything in + anybody in The World.

Note - standing by a large single rotor chopper NT news said by marine on returning back end of dry 2016. 'We don't want to go back to Howie - we are working almost non stop cannibalising equipment to keep some in operation including not enough airtime training to make pilots proficient.'

Why? The West + particularly ~~are~~ US are broke + have been winding down defence for last two decades.

China has 450 Confucious Schools in 140 countries, 12 in Aus all designed to observe + pervert + convert host country systems. Fed labour promoting China is a friend of The Aboriginal People. Result takeover joint ventures with indigenous lands. As you know China's Gov. is usually part owner in C^s companies important projects. Today a C company in joint venture or total purchase of Eyres Rok ^{indigenous} means The Emperor owns + sits upon our great icon. Hilarious.

I expect + demand this + other submissions be protected information as the enormous forces loose in Aus today to destroy all our systems could remove me my partner + property off The M&P.
Thank you
Tom

OPEC recently cut production equals world monopoly equals blackmail 91 Unleaded price now up 16cents/litre. Frack NT now today INSTANTLY

or Australia + Australians die physically + Economically. High unemployment - (soon) - is The Mother of Revolution.

The coming Made in Australia economic collapse is of a magnitude beyond measurement that will sweep away all our obsolete political management systems.

The huge knockon from this will be the instant collapse of Aus social cohesion into anarchy + mob gang rule.

You can feel + sense the rage building across the board of all Aus at every level. If you know The Aus like i know The Aus - when they get mad nothing - nothing stops them. Lawlessness today - tomorrow ↓↓

We will descend into a hell of our many current ideologies each fighting to the death to promote + implement their narrow agendas. Ripe for takeover.

Your panel + NTG have a narrow rare unique opportunity to lead Australia + The World by safely fracking shale gas downstream all byproducts + turning every engine + promote cooking to gas or die. Until such time as we get sustainable clean energy source. Cheap, sufficient spare peak load capacity in reserve. 1. Keep our gas cheap

All engines to gas NOW

TOP Priority 20/10/14

THE NATION

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Australia exposed on oil by Mid-East conflict

No one in Fed talks of this

EXCLUSIVE

CAMERON STEWART

THE escalating war against Islamic State and the turmoil in the Middle East could threaten the global supply of transport fuels at a time when Australia is almost wholly dependent on overseas sources.

NRMA director Graham Blight has warned that Australia needs to urgently improve its fuel security because the conflict in Syria and Iraq could herald a long war across the region that supplies much of the world's oil. "If this is even remotely in prospect, then we need to get serious about transport-fuel security because, right now, our approach to transport-fuel security is severely wanting."

"The Australian public is entitled to expect clear assurances from our government that we have sufficient sources of fuel in Australia to support essential needs in the event of overseas supply interruptions."

Mr Blight said an act of war or terror that disrupted trade routes or shipping lanes would quickly imperil Australia's capacity to supply essential daily services. "In many cases, stockholding for vital goods such as medicines, foods and transport fuel itself can be as little as three to 10 days," he said.

"Any severe disruption of our fuel supplies would cause catastrophic social and economic impacts and severely curtail the effectiveness of our

military and emergency services."

Fuel for transport in Australia is almost wholly derived from oil and the country holds less than three weeks' worth of fuel stocks.

The NRMA, which has recently stepped up its lobbying on fuel security, says the country's combined dependency on crude and fuel imports has jumped from about 60 per cent in 2000 to more than 90 per cent today. In contrast to other developed countries, Australia does not hold government-controlled or mandated fuel stocks.

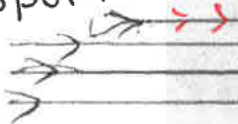
"With no government-owned fuel stocks, little reporting on industry stocks and very limited public analysis of supply-chain risks, it is difficult to see how our government could currently provide us with (an) assurance (on fuel security)," Mr Blight said.

An NRMA-commissioned report released in February said the country's liquid fuel stocks had slumped 16 per cent in less than a year and the country was hurtling towards 100 per cent dependence on imported liquid fuel and oil for transport.

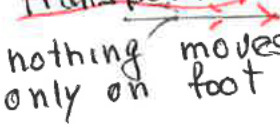
Mr Blight said the government needed to commit to a national transport energy plan to secure a sustainable supply regardless of global conditions. "The plan should review policies along the supply chain from the source to the end customer to ensure Australia's civil society and military have secure access to essential minimum supplies," he said.

Zero defense

All transport



transport nothing moves only on foot



Australia is the only developed country in the world that has NO huge Gov oil storage tank farms. Hows That for serious Gov mismanagement. Instant starvation & anarchy.

The Battle Plan for Australia's Survival 02/2007

The Steps We Must Take



Sun Tzu in his Art of War 2500 years ago said – To Win...

Use deceit and migration.

To know your enemy you must become your enemy.

*By sending lots of people years ahead to live in the,
takeover target.*

Deng Xiaping said in 1979

Get off your ass, run our country as a Business.

Arse

There is no more room for people or food we need space.

Only one child per family.

Bide your time hide your capability.

In 1979 Australia's GDP was greater than China's.

Today China rules the World economically 34 years later.

Hello Aussie 2013

We are broke, bankrupt and bugged in our land of plenty.

We are a modern dinosaur with only our dying left to do.

*If you want to be part of this new exciting world of opportunity
step through the door into the new world and face reality.*

Using logic and common sense to build our new world of Aus.

Terry

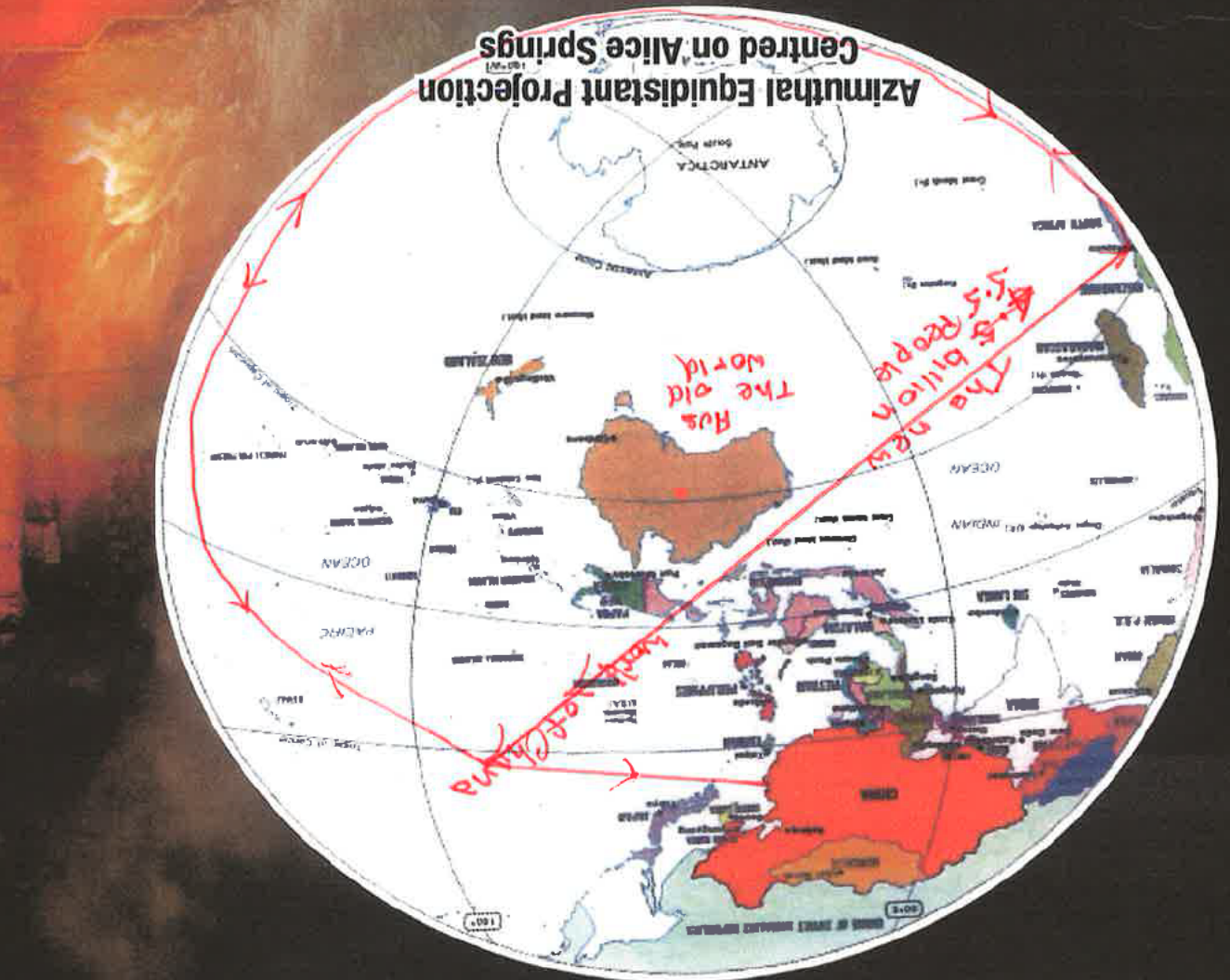
*In 1980 our world's greatest modern statesman Lee Kuan Yew
of Singapore said "Australia is on track to become The
Poor White Trash of S/E Asia."*

2013 - We have arrived!

Can Australia Survive

CLIMATE CHANGE

& The Power Shift from West to East?



WAKE UP AUSTRALIA
Your sleep in the sun is over!

The New World Power Centre of four to five billion dynamic people on the move; Desperate for space, land, water and the basic necessities of life for their survival.



There are four demand steps to prepare a nation & turn its people into a totally controlled robotic machine - each expendable in the push for major nations domination or world domination. ix Fears The Emperor said - I will pay anyone who dobs in a corruptor. All looking over their shoulder afraid of false claims. a Hitlers goal of a superior blonde blue eyed dominate race. Today China 94% than all the progeny

CHINA'S ALL-SEEING SPY GRID

of the yellow Emperor 5000 yrs ago. A pure race very sensitive to colour where black is the trash at the bottom even though they hate black people in China to achieve their goals. The final two legs now being put in place by 2020 are this one here. Plus recently the second of building chinas existing information fire wall to locals into a huge firewall that cuts out all western media influence google twitter - the lot plus local media news considered by The Emperor to be slightly subversive to chinas systems.

Beijing is taking micro-surveillance of the population to another level

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CHINA CORRESPONDENT



The massive building site for the third stage of the China World centre in Beijing, including the city's tallest tower, is surrounded by boardings featuring shiny new slogans for China's reborn communist era.

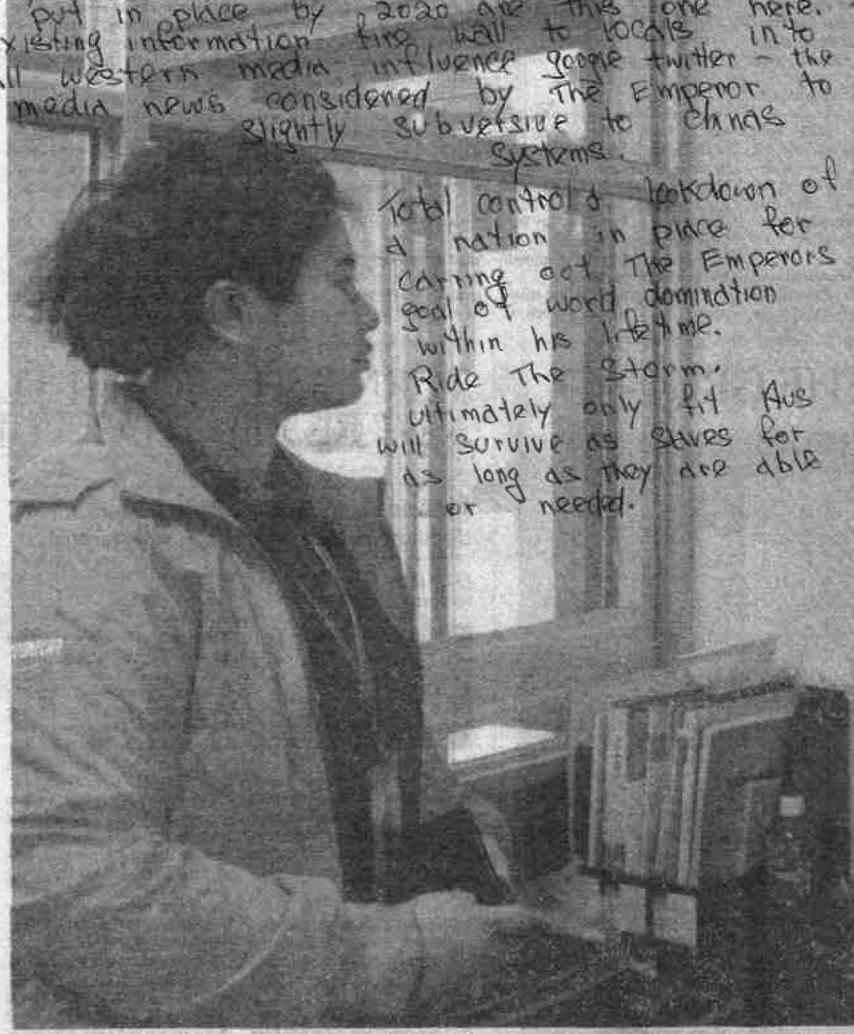
"The Party is Good and the People are Happy," shouts one, another, "You Only Have a Family If You Have a Country."

President Xi Jinping, Xi Dada (Uncle Xi) is accelerating the adoption of an extraordinary new system of social control — of both real and virtual worlds — equipping party and country together to scrutinise every action and expressed thought, of every person living in China.

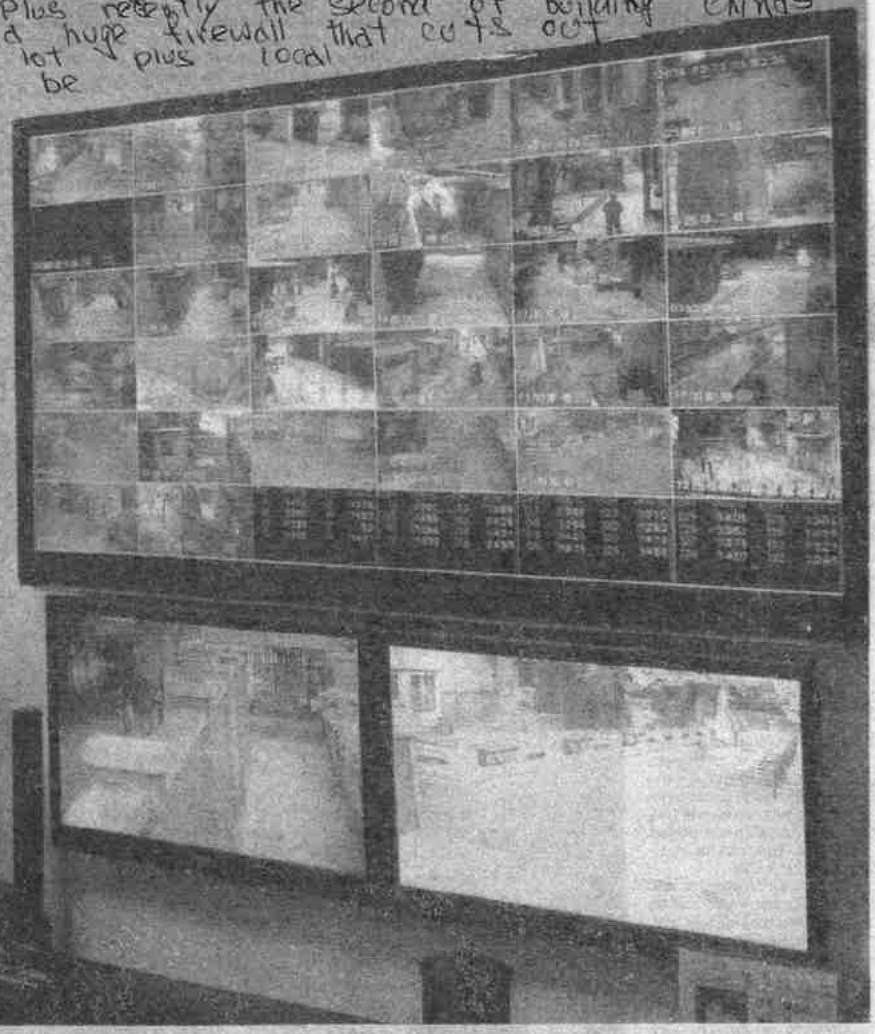
Thus, as those slogans anticipate, families in effect are to be brought into being and nurtured through their identification with the state and alignment with its aims, and individuals who demonstrate stability and loyalty are to be licensed to be happy — celebrating the party's own continuing purge of elements deemed corrupt.

There are two arms of this innovative micro-surveillance. The core Chinese word for both is wang, which can mean a grid and a net, as also used in internet.

First, through grid management, a supervisor is responsible for every minute facet of life for 200 families in the country. All families and individuals living in such an area — including foreigners, migrant workers and retirees — are grouped together as a "grid" crisscrossed by comprehensive CCTV coverage.



Grid worker Zhang Sijun scans CCTV images monitoring local families and their neighbourhood in the Panfu residential compound in Guangzhou, Guangdong province, in southern China



Total control & lockdown of a nation in place for carrying out The Emperors goal of world domination within his lifetime.
Ride The Storm, ultimately only fit Aus will survive as slaves for as long as they are able or needed.

NUMBERS GAME

1.38 billion
China's population

Shanghai next started to adopt the experiment. The central government reviewed the system, and identified its huge potential for surveillance

sources of threat to the authorities, and to report it to the new grid managers via their mobile phones. Ai Xiaoming, a professor at Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou,

venting an outburst of resentment. The new answer is the grid and its manager, utterly contemporary in being nimble and pervasive.

This requires constant communication with other grid managers to exchange news. The managers must know the potential risks — to and from the

CREDIT RATINGS FOR ALL

China is putting into place a new "social credit" system

commercial activities, social behaviour and the judicial

Beijing to throw blanket of surveillance over 1.3 billion subjects

The Australia

MICHAEL SHERIDAN
BEIJING 20/4/15

China plans to set up the world's most extensive security data bank on its 1.3 billion citizens, raising fears among human rights activists of a return to the mass surveillance of the Mao Zedong era.
It envisages a national population database linking people's compulsory identity cards with their credit histories, travel records, hotel registrations and social security details.

Police and state security agencies will have access to every aspect of a person's life at the click of a keyboard and everyone will be issued with a single "all-in-one" identity card.

Huawei is expected to bid to build the network.

The authorities also plan to recruit millions of "community volunteers" to watch out for "suspicious activities" in their neighbourhoods, with cash rewards for informers.

The plans were contained in a document issued last week by the communist party's general office and the state council, or cabinet. Public Security Minister Guo Shengkun will take charge of the new network.

"Once this happens anyone with a complaint about officials won't dare leave their village and everyone's cellphones will be listened to," wrote an internet user.

"People will rely on this new card for everything — food, travel



A protest in Hong Kong supporting journalist Gao Yu

and housing — and if it's lost nobody will dare help you," said another "netizen" on sina.com, a website that itself has been

ordered to "improve" its censorship of such opinions or face closure under tighter restrictions implemented by President Xi Jin-

ping. The database will help the authorities to hunt down dissenters by linking internet records to users' real names under a new law intended to stamp out anonymous comments.

It is just one component of a strategy to use new technology to revive the sort of surveillance that featured in China decades ago.

Security officials are also eager to build on a network of street watchers recruited before the 2008 Olympics under a policy called *weiwen*, or "stability maintenance".

The government says it is part of an "intensified counter-security operation" required to fight attacks on civilians by Muslim extremists from the western province of Xinjiang.

Peaceful protests, such as the student-led movement that occupied parts of Hong Kong last year, are also targets, according to the *Global Times*.

On Friday, a Beijing court sentenced journalist Gao Yu, 71, to seven years in jail for revealing state secrets last year by circulating an internal party directive, called Document No 9. Gao said she planned to appeal. The document ordered an intense ideological struggle against "subversive ideas" such as constitutional democracy, press freedom, an independent judiciary and universal human rights.

It has been seen as the manifesto for the leadership's crackdown on freedom of expression.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

The Emperor now has put China + all world Chinese into a lock down + controlled unbeatable machine of People for world domination. Plus a total total fire wall to prevent outside-inside unsuitable media to Emperors regime + his goal of world domination within his lifetime in place by 2020.

He will not step down at end of his 10yrs 2022.

These are the two final legs to control his nations people totally turning them into a robotic machine ~~rich~~ expandable - necessary to achieve his goal.

ing extreme income disparities, technological dislocation, demographic shifts, the impacts of global warming, and intensifying communal conflicts

Western democracies will find it harder to stick to their principles and avoid being pulled apart from each other, the report says.

"It will be much harder to cooperate internationally and govern in ways publics expect," it adds.

More countries will be able to "veto" co-operative efforts and the myriad channels of global communication will leave large numbers of people misinformed and divided.

"Information 'echo chambers' will reinforce countless competing realities," the report says.

The report, whose authors comprise analysts from the intelligence and academic communities, says the liberalism that defined the West after World War II is under threat from populism on the Right and Left, as governing countries and societies gets harder.

"Publics will demand governments deliver security and prosperity, but flat revenues, distrust, polarisation and a growing list of emerging issues will hamper government performance," it says.

The trends underscore the need for the US to shore up traditional Western alliances as Russian and China test their resolve to preserve their influence.

Yet the report warns against attempts to resuscitate the kind of Pax Americana that steered the global order from the 1950s. "It will be tempting to impose order on this apparent chaos, but that ultimately would be too costly in the short run and would fall in the long run," eroding US strength.

The report was released after a US intelligence community report said Russia — directed by President Vladimir Putin — undertook an unprecedented effort to interfere in the US presidential election and support Mr Trump.

AFP



*China. The Cake of Kings and Emperors.
A French Cartoon From 1895*

THE ONE HUNDRED YEARS RAPE OF CHINA BY THE WEST

The five main heavyweights, Queen Victoria UK, Germany, Russia, U.S.A., and Japan.

Today China controls the world economy, putting into place all their climate change survival steps. Expect no quarter, it is also payback time.

Here our Australian Government is selling Aus. to China, including all north of Capricorn for China's food bowl.

Cubby Station water, Ord River stage 2 irrigation gone, stage 3 pending.

Water is LIFE no water no LIFE.

TREATY	YEAR	IMPOSER
Treaty of Nanjing	1842	British Empire
Treaty of the Bogue	1843	British Empire
Treaty of Wanghia	1844	United States
Treaty of Whampoa	1844	French colonial empire
Treaty of Canton	1847	United Kingdoms of Sweden and Norway
Treaty of Kulja	1851	Russian Empire
Treaty of Aigun	1858	Russian Empire
Treaty of Tientsin	1858	French colonial empire, British Empire, Russian Empire, United States
Convention of Peking	1860	British Empire, French colonial empire, Russian Empire
Treaty of Tientsin	1861	Russia, German Confederation
Chefoo Convention	1876	British Empire
Treaty of Saint Petersburg	1881	Russian Empire
Treaty of Tientsin (1885)	1885	French colonial empire
Sino-Portuguese Treaty of Peking	1887	Kingdom of Portugal
Treaty of Shimonoseki	1895	Empire of Japan
Li-Lobanov Treaty	1896	Russian Empire
Convention for the Extension of Hong Kong Territory	1898	British Empire
Guangzhouwan Leased Territory	1899	French colonial empire
Boxer Protocol	1901	British Empire, United States, Empire of Japan, Russian Empire, French colonial empire, German Empire, Kingdom of Italy, Austria-Hungary, Kingdom of Belgium, Kingdom of Spain, Kingdom of the Netherlands
Simla Accord	1914	British Empire
Twenty-One Demands	1915	Empire of Japan
Tanggu Truce	1933	Empire of Japan

5. THE LOTUS EATERS

Once upon a time, long, long ago there was a beautiful land where lived the Ooh la la people, with this luxurious untroubled lifestyle.

Not satisfied with what they have, always searching for more pleasure and time for their relaxed lifestyle. Eventually a group managed to invent this wonderful fruit laden tree and supplied it to their people.

This fruit was an hallucinogenic, a new perpetual dream world drug upon which everyone feasted called the lotus fruit. It changed them into lazy pleasure seekers oblivious to the real world around them.

Where down was up South was north and West was east, a magic spell deliberately cast upon The People by their managers.

They passed away, overtaken by that real world to become a myth, occasionally referred to in the ancient Greek writings of the Odyssey.

One day long, long after a specimen was discovered.

Australia will live or die upon our attitude and performance in the workplace

CHAOS
The total collapse of mankind's fragile social structures and cohesion both national and international

THE AUS THAT WAS 1985 Australia 2000

*Son, that's the last of the WasAus tribe,
You must confess, he looks a mess.
It was deep, deep in the ground
All ossified and mossified,
Is where we found the Aus that was.*

*And down through the ages
The argument still rages
Was it beer or bullshit
Or the great big illusion?
He held in that extrusion
The secret of his success
Of getting paid much, much more
For doing much, much less.
There are some profess
It was even less than less.*



Democracy is Dead

In 1887 Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years prior:

"A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse over loose fiscal policy, (which is) always followed by a dictatorship."

"The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence:

From bondage to spiritual faith;
From spiritual faith to great courage;
From courage to liberty;
From liberty to abundance;
From abundance to complacency;
From complacency to apathy;
From apathy to dependence;
From dependence back into bondage."
The Obituary follows:

We are
here



Professor Neil Fergusson said the same via ABC Big Ideas.

"The last Stage of democracy is ruled by the mob.

That is, break down of law and order, voting only for who will give us the most money."

This is where Australia is at now

On top of that there is hard clear evidence our sea is dying and of those 5 major extinctions the sea died four times. After the 56 million years ago major wipe-out it took nature 150,000 years to rebuild our sea to what it originally was and it takes millions of years for nature to create new interlocking balanced life forms.

Large land masses such as Australia have a much hotter and colder interior away from the seas moderation. Huge land areas such as Eurasia could become so hot internally as to literally, quickly evaporate any rainfall the end result making it uninhabitable for humans. A DESERT. Some areas could become an Amazon rain forest.

So human survival before or after 2100 will be a death fight to locate near to or above the Arctic circle The Antarctic ice will take longer to melt, still the Antarctic will certainly be the place to survive. A huge virgin untouched land, free of pests, feral animals and weeds, absolutely the number one destination for survival. First serious "mission survive" tribe to get there and bunker down repelling borders will get this prize. TO LIVE TO SURVIVE China

A done deal

At the end of that ancient warm up the sea was 65 m higher and Antarctic has high ground and mountains to attract rain.

Of all large or small weather change, extinctions even from possible meteor or volcanic dust every instant radically changed food growing conditions.

All life on earth preys upon and lives off other specific lives for food including people. Without exception, in previous extinctions, all died from starvation and that is what all mankind and particularly Australians now face.

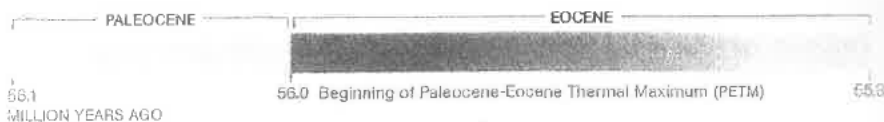
My personal estimate of the 2100 situation is sea rise around 7 to 8 meters. Human population around 1.5 to 2.5 billion people.

plus lots
slaves.



WHEN THE OCEAN WENT DARK

Paleoceanographer James Zachos holds a replica of a sediment core that shows an abrupt change in the Atlantic Ocean 56 million years ago, at the onset of the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM). White plankton shells vanished from the seafloor mud, shifting its color from white to red (bar below). As planet-warming CO₂ surged into the atmosphere, Zachos says, it also seeped into the seas, acidifying the water and dissolving the shells.



This is straight out of 'The Book by Sun Tzu. How to win a war without a war - by deceit & migration Our wooden Horse of Troy by Odessus. Ulysses



BRITTA CAMPION

'If you don't like this country's values, and think of another place as your country, then go back there,' says John Hu, founder of the Embracing Australian Values Alliance

Ban overseas donations: Danby

SARAH ELKS
SARAH MARTIN

Federal Labor MP Michael Danby has defended his partly sponsored overseas travel and has argued there's a "good case" for political donations from foreign governments, entities or individuals to be banned.

The Melbourne Ports MP's comments came as Bill Shorten called for Malcolm Turnbull to warn international businesses against making Australian donations.

Mr Danby was one of 74 House of Representatives politicians, identified by *The Australian* last week, who accepted sponsored

business flight from Melbourne to Seoul as a guest of the Korea Foundation in July 2014, a return business class flight to Poland and accommodation from the Pratt Foundation in September 2014, and internal flights from Rome to Kiev and accommodation from the National Endowment for Democracy. His disclosure form says the Australia Israel Cultural Exchange paid for four nights' accommodation in Jerusalem.

The next year, the Bosnian SBB party paid for four nights' accommodation for Mr Danby in Sarajevo, and the World Movement for Democracy paid for flights to South Korea and five nights' accommodation.

Mr Danby said he had paid for

"tourism", and he had used them all to attend meetings and conferences.

"There is, however, a good case for foreign political donations from governments, entities or individuals to political parties or individual MPs being banned," Mr Danby said.

Labor took a policy to the last election that prohibited the receipt of foreign donations.

The Opposition Leader yesterday stepped up his rhetoric over foreign donations, in the wake of revelations that Labor senator Sam Dastvari asked a Chinese company to pay for the excess of a travel allowance bill.

"When Mr Turnbull meets business leaders overseas, he has

Rebel Chinese group backs 'Aussie values'

Australian 5/9/16

EXCLUSIVE

ROWAN CALLICK

A new "pro-Australia" movement, and a leader, have emerged out of controversies swirling around Australia's Chinese community of almost a million people.

The new Embracing Australian Values Alliance is in most ways the antithesis of the Australian Council for the Promotion of Peaceful Reunification of China that has emerged as the common denominator between major Chinese donors to politicians and parties in Australia.

John Hu, founder of the alliance, which is being registered officially, said that recently publicised donors to Australian parties and politicians appeared to have two main aims.

"One is for personal gain. But often they show a communist way of thinking, that if for instance as a real estate developer you donate to the top person, whatever you want to do in Australia will be fine," Mr Hu said.

"It doesn't work that way ... If, for instance, they bribe a mayor, she or he only has one vote in a meeting.

"They don't understand how democracy works. They do

The second thrust of donations, he said, was "to please people back in their old country. So they may donate on behalf of the Chinese government to influence Australian politics, to penetrate and control positions, for example, on the South China Sea — and some of the money may actually be coming from China. In

in China. A lot depend on wealth brought from China, or on their Chinese businesses to generate income to spend in Australia".

Mr Hu believes — from his experience on the Parramatta City Council "watching how they conduct business" — that many Chinese real estate developers are not making money in Australia.

The events that provoked members of the Chinese community to set up the new alliance were the concerts planned to celebrate Mao Zedong in Sydney and Melbourne town halls, in the days around the 40th anniversary of Mao's death on Friday. They succeeded in forcing the cancellation of the concerts, as organisers and city councils feared the fallout from the conflict they were arousing.

Supporters are now meeting in Sydney to decide on the next steps for the alliance, which has attracted followers in Melbourne as well.

There is strong agreement, Mr Hu said, that the cause required both long-term and broad-based efforts.

"The Chinese community is divided by their political opinions and many other matters but we believe if you live here, you should agree to the values of Australia — and if you don't like this country's values, and think constantly of another place as your country, then go back there," he said. NEVER

The values the alliance espouses are based on the government's Australian value statement for immigrants. Mr Hu summarised them as freedom,

Investigations

In 2006 an independent investigation was conducted by former Canadian Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific), David Kilgour (L) and human rights lawyer, David Matas.



Their report and book, *Bloody Harvest*, states: "We have come to the regrettable conclusion that the allegations are true. We believe that there has been and continues today to be large-scale organ seizures from unwilling Falun Gong practitioners."

Organ type	Price** (\$US)
Kidney	\$62,000
Liver	\$98,000 - \$130,000
Kidney-Pancreas	\$150,000
Lung	\$150,000 - \$170,000
Heart	\$130,000 - \$160,000
Cornea	\$30,000

**Fees advertised by China International Transplant Assistant Centre prior to 2006
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Forced organ harvesting has enabled the expansion of a commercial organ industry in China. From 1999 to 2004, transplant numbers increased three-fold to more than 10,000 annually, despite the absence of a public voluntary program.

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PROJECT PROMISES HOMES FOR 80,000, UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

\$30bn 'China city' to tap into stud

EXCLUSIVE

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VICTORIAN POLITICAL EDITOR

An ambitious \$20bn-\$30bn Chinese-backed plan for a hi-tech "city" of 80,000 residents in Melbourne's outer west with a university campus and research centre is just one step away from being approved by the Victorian government.

The project would be one of the largest and most visible Chinese-backed commercial investments in Australia, and would aim to tap into the \$700bn a year in research funding spent by China and draw thousands of foreign students here.

The *Weekend Australian* understands that the so-called Australian Education City concept is one of two proposals left in the race for the redevelopment of a 750ha former state research farm site near Werribee, between Geelong and Melbourne.

With Premier Daniel Andrews about to embark on a trip to China, rumours are swirling that the proposal may soon be approved,

although some sources say no decision has been reached and more information is needed from the proponents.

The Chinese entity financing the Australian Education City proposal has not been publicised but the local arm of the venture has recruited high-profile backers and advisers such as former premier John Brumby, who is now president of the Australia-China Business Council.

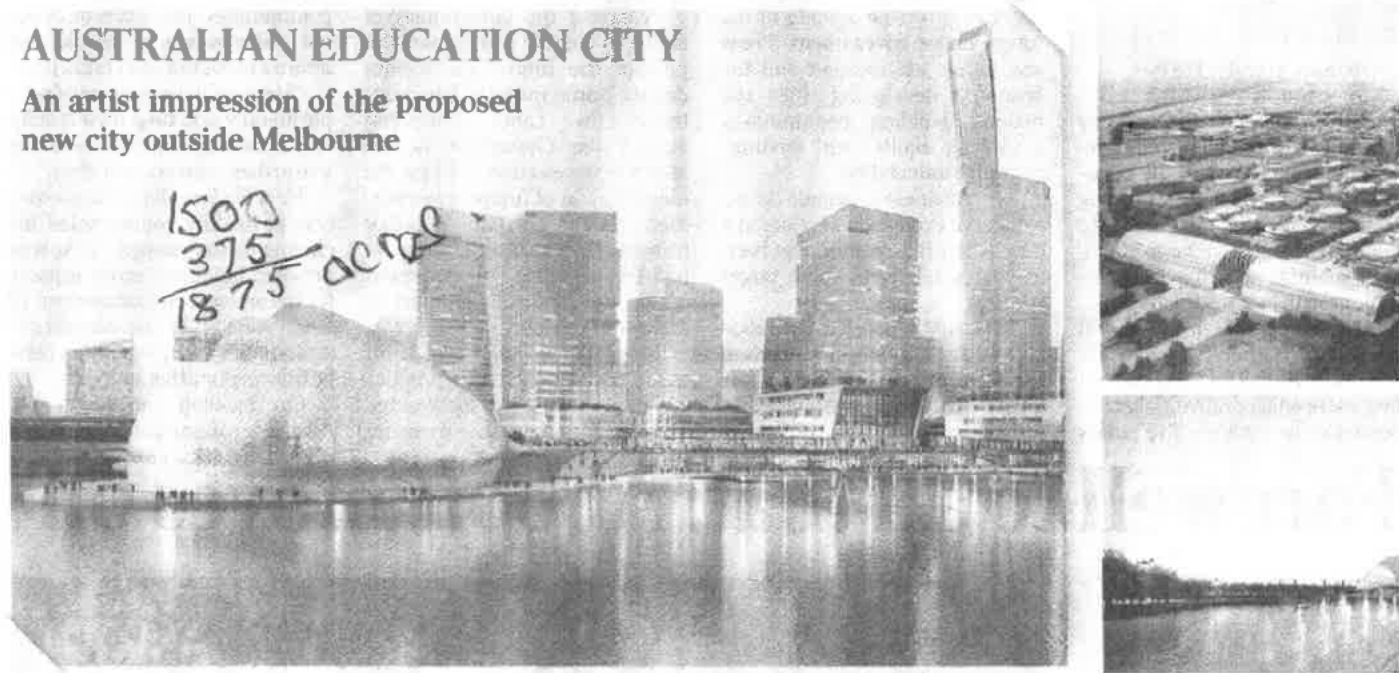
He is part of an advisory board along with PwC partner James van Smeerdijk and University of Melbourne professor and former Bio21 director Tony Bacic. The group's executive chairman is Bill Zheng, head of the property, finance and funds management outfit Investors Direct Financial Group.

It is understood the consortium, which will also feature local investors, is planning to construct a railway station to service the city, and the project could include a light rail link through the sprawling site if required.

The consortium, Investors Direct, was one of five bidders for the site, which would be home to 80,000 residents in towers of up to 50 storeys and other dwellings if

AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION CITY

An artist impression of the proposed new city outside Melbourne



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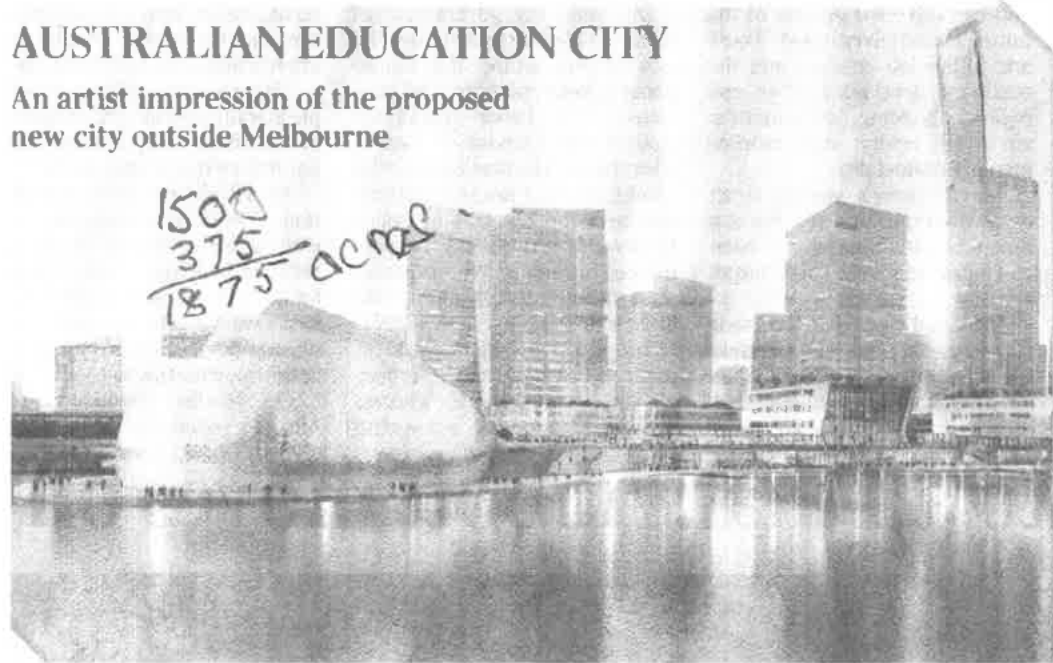
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na city' to tap into student boom

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as required, although the aim of the project is to have both housing, educational institutions and jobs on the one site.

It is believed Investors Direct has plans to pitch the concept to other Australian capitals, but Melbourne is its priority.

It is thought the original field of five bidders has been whittled down to two. Australand, now part of the Singapore-based Frasers group, was a bidder for the big triangular-shaped site comprised largely of dry paddocks and is believed to still be in contention.

Mr Andrews would not comment on the proposal, saying there was still a process to be run, but he has spoken previously about ensuring that property developments had broader aims such as integrating commercial and education aspects.

Planning Minister Richard Wynne's office declined to comment, saying the minister was not involved in the Metropolitan Planning Authority's tender process.

MPA chief executive Peter Seamer declined to comment on the tender process. Frasers also declined to comment.

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rail links to and from the CBD are under severe pressure.

The consortium aims to address that with its plan for a new station and large underground carpark to allow residents and locals to catch the train to the CBD

► If she wins, Mrs Clinton will take on the burden of refuting the would-be wreckers. In one way she is the wrong candidate for the job. The wife of a former president, who first moved into the White House almost 24 years ago, is an unlikely herald for renewal. In her long career she has at times occupied a no-man's-land between worthy and unworthy, legal and illegal. That is why stories about the Clinton Foundation and her e-mails, which the FBI is looking at again, have been so damaging. They may barely register on the Trump-o-Meter of indiscretions but, in office, Mrs Clinton's reputation for rule-breaking could destroy her.

In another way, she is well-suited to the task. Herding bills through Congress to the point of signing requires a tolerance for patient negotiating and a command of sleep-inducing detail. Though it has been hard to hear above the demand to "lock her up", Mrs Clinton has campaigned for an open, optimistic country. She can take heart from the fact that, outside

Washington, there is more bipartisanship and problem-solving than most Americans realise, and from the fact that popular pessimism has far overshot reality. Around 80% of Trump supporters say that, for people like them, America is worse than it was 50 years ago. That is false: half a century ago 60 million households lacked a flushing lavatory. It is also a most un-American way to see the world. The time is ripe for a rebound.

In elections we have sometimes hoped for Congress and the presidency to be controlled by different parties. Some who cannot bring themselves to vote for Mr Trump but do not care for Mrs Clinton either will opt for that choice. Yet the loss of Congress would increase the chances of a Republican Party reformation that both the party and the United States need.

Hence our vote goes to both Mrs Clinton and her party. Partly because she is not Mr Trump, but also in the hope she can show that ordinary politics works for ordinary people. The sort of renewal that American democracy requires. ■

Water

The dry facts

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Water is scarce because it is badly managed



“THOUSANDS have lived without love; not one without water,” observed W.H. Auden. He omitted to add that, as with love, many people have a strong moral aversion to paying for the life-sustaining liquid. Some feel that water is a right, and should therefore be free. Others lobby governments to subsidise its distribution to favoured groups. All this results in vast and preventable waste.

Water covers two-thirds of the Earth's surface. It is not used up when consumed: it just keeps circulating. So why do researchers from MIT predict that by the middle of the century, more than half of humanity will live in water-stressed areas, where people are extracting unsustainable amounts from available freshwater sources?

One reason is that as the world's population grows larger and richer, it uses more water. Another is climate change, which accelerates hydrologic cycles, making wet places wetter and dry places drier. The World Resources Institute, a think-tank, ranked 167 countries, and found that 33 face extremely high water stress by 2040 (see map). But a lot of the problem stems from lousy water management, and that is something the officials who meet in dusty Marrakesh this week for the next round of annual UN climate talks should ponder. A crucial part of adapting to a warmer world is to work out how to allocate water more efficiently (see page 19).

Each person needs to drink only a few litres a day, but it takes hundreds of litres to grow food—and thousands to put a joint of beef or pork on the table. Farming accounts for 70% of water withdrawals and industry accounts for most of the rest. Because farmers and factory bosses are politically powerful, they typically pay far too little for their water. Some pay for the operational costs of supplying it, but not the infrastructure that enabled it to flow from the tap. Many pay nothing to raid underground aquifers—India pumps two-thirds of its irrigation-

water this way. When something is too cheap, people squander it. Chinese industry uses ten times more water per unit production than the average in rich countries, for example. Farmers in parched places like California grow thirsty crops such as avocados, which could easily be imported from somewhere wetter.

The key to managing water better is to price it properly, giving consumers a reason not to waste it and investors an incentive to build infrastructure to supply it. Vast sums are needed: over \$26trn between 2010 and 2030, by one estimate. Better water can be properly priced, however, it needs to be clear who owns it (or, more precisely, who has the right to extract how much from rivers, aquifers and so on). Australia has led the way in creating such a system of tradable water rights.

Current accounts

The aim is to ensure that water winds its way to those who make the best use of it. Calculating how much is being used and how much actually ought to be used, is essential. In Australia old rights (typically belonging to landowners) were replaced with shares in perpetuity that grant holders a proportion of any annual allocations. This means that the only way one person can have more of the liquid is if another person has less. Two markets have emerged: one in which seasonal allocations of available water can be traded, and another in which shares themselves can be.

For the system to work, extra care should be taken to ensure that tradable water rights are allocated in a fair and open way. The “blockchain”, a cryptographic technology that allows strangers to make fiddle-proof records of who owns what, could help.

Getting water policy right will not only encourage everyday conservation; it will also stimulate the development of technologies such as artificial meat (which uses far less water than the real stuff) and cheaper desalination. The alternative is to prove Mark Twain right when he said: “Whiskey is for drinking; water is for fighting over.” ■

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Armed and dangerous: looming risk of Indonesia's military machine

Aus - May 15

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Australians have no idea how powerful Indonesia is set to become in our region but the latest IMF figures herald the change.

The days when Indonesians were considered our poor neighbours are set to end and will be replaced with an era where they will have clear air superiority over Australia. If Indonesia in 2025, or perhaps even 2020, asks us to take refugees, the Australian prime

minister of the day will take them or be powerless to stop them being dumped on our shores.

In years gone by, Indonesia was rarely seen in Australian headlines. It was as though our closest major power neighbour never existed. Teaching Indonesian in Australian schools subsidised in favour of Mandarin, further underlining the apparent decline in the importance of the Indonesian relationship.

There were a few wake-up calls. Paul Keating was the first recent senior government minister to realise the importance of our neighbour. Tony Abbott in opposition declared that his first visit to a major country once he became prime minister would be to Indonesia but the vast majority of Australians yawned.

Now, whether it is refugees, the death penalty or one of a myriad of

other issues, Indonesia and Australia find themselves with different points of view. And so it's against that background that we look at the latest IMF figures and their implication.

By 2020 — that's less than five years away — the Indonesian economy, measured on a nominal GDP basis, will be the world's 16th largest, with an expected nominal GDP of \$US1.3 trillion (\$1.6 trillion).

That compares with Australia at \$1.49 trillion ranking 14th (There is a huge gap between Indonesia and Turkey, which is forecast to become the 17th largest country).

On a nominal GDP basis we still have our nose in front of Indonesia but, measured by purchasing power according to the IMF, Indonesia's GDP will be almost three times that of Australia. Clearly

that is a controversial calculation but let's see how it will translate into defence spending.

We are going to spend at least \$US230m buying each Joint Strike Fighter from the US and take with that purchase a truly enormous annual operational, maintenance and upgrade bill. We are talking about buying 100 aircraft but the final figure might be less.

Indonesians are buying the modern version of the Russian Sukhoi aircraft, which will be able to fly a couple of miles higher than the JSF, stay in the air longer and will be much faster. We hope JSF software will enable us to cope with the structural inferiority of the aircraft but, in time, Russia's Sukhoi joint venture partner, India, will catch up on the software differential.

The Russian Sukhoi's clear superiority over the JSF will then

be unchallenged — except by the Chinese version.

The Indonesians will pay just \$100m for their vastly superior aircraft and will buy 180 Sukhoi between 2020 and 2025. They will have complete air superiority over Australia at a fraction of our outlays.

The military cost differential goes further. The primary "beyond visual range" air-to-air missile of the US and many of its allies — the AMRAAM AIM-120 — costs about \$US1m per missile, with some versions going as high as \$17m.

The Chinese-equivalent missile is the PL-12D, which many experts say is as effective as, if not better than, the AIM-120D, but it costs just \$US570,000.

So, Indonesia not only has greater purchasing power but our main military supplier and part-

ner, the US, has allowed its military machine to become a cash cow for a series of large companies that are not only delivering inferior weapons but pricing them way above their rivals.

Faced with this problem, we are being tempted to abandon our national military manufacturing capacity for sea vessels. A billion spent in Australia is worth a lot more than a billion spent elsewhere.

Just how the region will play out with China, Japan and Indonesia all with superior military capacity to an Australia that is linked to a weakened US is yet to be determined. But the security we now enjoy will be diminished.

And we will be right to blame the Rudd, Gillard and Abbott years for allowing this to happen because they did not recognise the looming danger.

Centre, suggests that so far the American pivot has manifested itself mainly as an extra 1,000 marines stationed in Australia. "Without TPP, all the pivot amounts to is a few extra boots on the ground in Darwin," she says.

Even members of America's armed forces are worried. As one senior serving officer in the Pacific puts it, "the TPP unites countries that are committed to a trade-based future, transparency and the rule of law. It is the model that the United States and Europe have advanced versus that advanced by China. It is an opportunity to move the arc of Chinese development, or identify it as a non-participant."

Yet when Mr Obama mentions TPP, he talks mostly about protecting American jobs rather than safeguarding America's place in the world. The president has never fully put his back into forcing a congressional vote on TPA. There is still time for him and Mr Abe to rescue the trade talks. But unless Mr Obama leads from the front, America's own leadership in the Pacific will seem less convincing than he has repeatedly promised. ■

Maritime power

Your rules or mine?

Trade depends on order at sea, but keeping it is far from straightforward

COMMUTERS BETWEEN MARIN COUNTY and San Francisco in northern California are getting used to a new spectacle during rush hour. Vast, ungainly container ships, bearing China's flag and name, plough along under the glorious Golden Gate Bridge. They are bringing goods into the Port of Oakland—and taking back America's trade deficit. Any pleasure yachts zipping around the bay give them a wide berth.

This is China as a Pacific power, a commercial rather than a naval one. According to statistics gathered by Michael McDevitt, a retired rear-admiral at America's Centre for Naval Analyses, it is now the world's largest shipbuilder, has the third-largest merchant marine, and by far the largest number of vessels flying its own flag; and boasts a 695,000-strong fishing fleet. It accounts for about a quarter of the world's container trade. And almost all the steel boxes shipped on the world's oceans are made in China, too.

Much of the security of that trade across the Pacific is the gift of America. China "free-rides" on the protection provided by the United States Pacific Fleet, based in Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, so it benefits from America's enforcement of the rules of sea-based activity. But in the western Pacific China has behaved provocatively towards some staunch American allies, testing the bounds of international maritime law.

That implicit challenge comes up often in speeches by American officials. Whether civilian or military, they use an oddly terrestrial metaphor when discussing America's leadership in the world's biggest ocean. It is all about enforcing "the rules of the road", they say. One set of those rules are those on trade, which, as discussed in the previous article, America hopes to modernise via the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). Another is about maritime security, particularly in the sea lanes through disputed territorial waters in what China calls its "near seas". America argues that to safeguard those vital routes of commerce,



any territorial quarrels should be settled according to international law, not by force and intimidation. Otherwise, says Daniel Russel, assistant secretary of state for Asia-Pacific, it is a dangerous world where "might makes right."

However, as Henry Kissinger writes in his new book, "World Order", China does not necessarily see the rules the way America does: "When urged to adhere to the international system's 'rules of the game' and 'responsibilities', the visceral reaction of many Chinese—including senior leaders—has been profoundly affected by the awareness that China has not participated in making the rules of the system."

Vast, ungainly container ships, bearing China's flag and name, plough along under the glorious Golden Gate Bridge

Mr Kausikan of the Singapore foreign ministry goes further. He says that all Chinese are aware of the 100 years of invasion by Western powers and Japan that their country suffered before 1949. "It was never very realistic to expect China to be a 'responsible stakeholder' in a regional and global order that it had no say in establishing and which it holds responsible for a century of humiliation," he says.

American officials acknowledge that China plays by many global rules, especially the trade ones it signed up to when joining the World Trade Organisation in 2001. But especially in its own neighbourhood, it is challenging rules and norms—including some it has explicitly agreed to—that have kept the seas safe since the second world war.

For instance, in 2002 it signed a treaty with its neighbours in ASEAN agreeing to settle maritime disputes in the South China Sea peacefully and according to international law, such as the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) →



called "Mare Liberum" ("The Free Sea"), arguing that the seas were international territory and should be open to all. Over the following centuries this was used by global powers as justification to sail merchant vessels where they liked, often with gunboats sailing alongside to enforce their authority.

Go by the book

Built loosely on "Mare Liberum", UNCLOS established the EEZ concept which gave coastal nations exclusive rights over natural resources within a 200 nautical-mile limit but allowed for free navigation and overflights outside territorial waters extending to 12 nautical miles from the coast. Ironically, China has ratified UNCLOS whereas the American Senate has not—though in practice the American navy follows and attempts to enforce it.

But China's interpretation (and that of a small group of large developing countries such as India and Brazil) differs from that of most states: it requires naval vessels to seek its permission before entering its EEZ. In 2013 a Chinese navy ship cut directly across the path of the United States Navy cruiser *Cowpens*, forcing it to change course abruptly to avoid a collision. Such incidents are red rags to the Americans. Their navy still regularly sends spy ships into China's EEZ.

If China were to decide to enforce its version of the rules, the risks would be severe. In his book, "Fire on the Water: China, America and the Future of the Pacific", Robert Haddick said it could mean the exclusion of foreign warships "from the Strait of Malacca all the way to Japan's home islands". Even if China were to keep the seas open to merchant shipping, the whole concept of maritime security would be jeopardised. America might be forced to retaliate.

That is an alarming scenario, though many security specialists say China does not seem to be spoiling for such a showdown with America, at least not yet. Optimists reckon that the Chinese navy, though growing fast, is ill-prepared for war with such a doughty opponent. Moreover, a defeat would be catastrophic for China. Security analysts say the Communist Party would lose its legitimacy and the trade-driven economy would collapse.

Pessimists argue that, even with good intentions on both sides, miscalculation or misunderstanding could still lead to conflagration. Chuck Hagel, America's defence secretary, says Amer-

▶ CLOS). Yet it is in often tense disputes with ASEAN countries such as Vietnam and the Philippines over control of three sets of islands and rocks in the South China Sea—the Paracel Islands, the Spratly Islands and Scarborough Shoal—and with Japan over the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands. When the Philippines took its opposition to China's maritime claims to UNCLOS in March, China huffily refused to accept the arbitration.

It has also sought to stop American naval and air-force vessels operating in its exclusive economic zone (EEZ), 200 nautical miles from its shoreline (see map), which America and many of its allies consider a violation of UNCLOS. In August this year a Chinese fighter intercepted an American Navy F-8 maritime patrol in international airspace about 135 miles (216km) off Hainan Island, which the Department of Defence described as "very, very close, very dangerous".

This EEZ dispute could have profound implications for the stability of trans-Pacific sea routes, overseen for generations by America's navy. "It may sound arcane," writes Bill Hayton, author of "South China Sea: The Struggle for Power in Asia", published earlier this year, "but the legal debate over what one country's military vessels can do in another country's [EEZ] has already brought the United States and China to the edge of conflict. It's a battle between American demands for access to the 'global commons' and China's search for security. It's a struggle that will define the future of Asia and possibly beyond."

The South China Sea is where that struggle is most visible. On modern maps the reefs and shoals between China, Vietnam, the Philippines, Taiwan and Malaysia are labelled "Dangerous Ground"—not because of their disputed ownership but because through history they have been a mariner's nightmare.

According to Mr Hayton, the South China Sea itself plays an historic role in the crafting of the rules in contention. In 1603 the Dutch East India Company seized a Portuguese ship laden with raw silk and gold near the Strait of Malacca and hired a Dutch jurist, Hugo Grotius, to defend its action. He wrote a book in Latin



Iqbal, Pakistan's planning minister, who said his country could link China with markets in Central Asia and South Asia.

"If we become the bridge between these three engines of growth, we will be able to carve out a large economic bloc of about three billion living in this part of the world... nearly half the planet."

Beijing's primary concern is that instability in neighbouring Pakistan and Afghanistan is spilling into China's predominantly Muslim northwest, and could grow worse with the withdrawal of US troops from the region.

China sees a historic opportunity to redraw the geopolitical map by succeeding where the US has largely failed, building critical infrastructure that could kick-start economic growth and open new trade routes between China and Central and South Asia. A cornerstone of the project will be to develop the Pakistani port of Gwadar, a warm-water port run by the Chinese on the doorstep of the Middle East.

If realised, the plan would be China's biggest splurge on economic development in another country to date. It aims over 15 years to create a 3750km economic corridor between Gwadar and northwest China with roads, rail links and pipelines crossing Pakistan.

The network ultimately will link to other countries as well, potentially creating a regional trading boom, Pakistani and Chinese officials say.

The Pakistan program has been described by Chinese officials as the "flagship project" of a broader policy, "One Belt, One Road", which seeks to physically connect China to its markets in Asia, Europe and beyond.

"If 'One Belt, One Road' is like a symphony involving and benefiting every country, then construction of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor is the sweet melody of the symphony's first movement," Wang Yi, China's foreign minister, said during a visit to Pakistan in February.

The plans envisage adding 10,400 megawatts of electricity at a cost of \$US15.5bn by 2018.

The plan has gained political momentum — and new funding sources — since Mr Xi outlined his vision to build modern-day equivalents of the ancient Silk Road between East and West.

Despite the more-muscular Chinese ambitions, US officials say the new economic strategy complements Washington's vision for the region.

"We think there's a great amount of potential complementarity between a China-Pakistan infrastructure corridor and the interests we've talked about in South and Central Asia for some time," said a State Department official. The US and China "have coincident interests in seeing a stable, peaceful and prosperous Pakistan".

Andrew Small, author of *The China-Pakistan Axis: Asia's New Geopolitics*, said China was reacting to the perceived failure of Western aid to make a significant difference to Pakistan.

"The Chinese response is that you haven't done it on a large enough scale," Mr Small said.

"They're saying that it is only by doing it on this kind of big-bang scale that you're going to have the transformative economic effect that Pakistan needs."

During his visit, Mr Xi will sign off on billions of dollars worth of the more-advanced projects in the corridor project, allowing the start of groundwork, Pakistani officials said.

In addition the economic corridor framework, more than \$US10bn in other new Chinese infrastructure projects for Pakistan are in the works.

Frederick Starr, a professor at Johns Hopkins University and an expert on Central Asia, said the new corridor had potential to link Europe to China through Central Asia and the Caucasus, and reach onward through Pakistan and India to Southeast Asia, a route that he said would "in 30 years be

Closing grip on Southern Hemisphere takeover.

All 7 Stan countries in China's pocket.

China lays out \$59bn for trade corridors

Includes sale of 8 subs & 7.5 billion to Pakistan.

SAEED SHAH
JEREMY PAGE

Chinese President Xi Jinping is set to unveil a \$US46 billion (\$59bn) infrastructure spending plan in Pakistan that is a centrepiece of Beijing's ambitions to open new trade and transport routes across Asia and challenge the US as the dominant regional power.

The plan, known as the China Pakistan Economic Corridor, draws on a newly expansive Chinese foreign policy and pressing economic and security concerns at home for Mr Xi, who is expected to arrive in Pakistan on Monday. Many details had yet to be announced publicly.

"This is going to be a game-



Xi Jinping

would provide electricity to energy-starved Pakistan, based mostly on building new coal-fired power plants. The country is beset by hours of daily scheduled power cuts because of a lack of supply, shutting down industry and making life miserable in homes — a major reason for the election in 2013 of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who promised to solve the

Revolution begins to devour its own in a PC whitewash

Scholarship as activism has infected universities with a repugnant form of reverse discrimination

PETER BALDWIN



Did you know your tax dollars are funding the pursuit in Australian universities of something called "whiteness studies"? Whiteness, as in skin pigmentation. And no, this is not an academic outreach activity of the Ku Klux Klan. There is even a national association devoted to the field that has scheduled a symposium in Sydney for late January.

What a strange, sinister, incoherent thing is the system of thought control we have come to know as political correctness.

Until I heard about whiteness studies I had not fully grasped the sheer self-loathing depths of the politically correct mindset, and the extent to which it has become a reactionary force in our society.

How ironic that, with the demise of socialism and Marxism, being PC is now widely equated with being left-wing and progressive.

One thing leftists generally used to get right was race and racism. Skin pigmentation and other markers of race were seen as genetically inherited surface features that should be treated as insignificant. Consistent with Enlightenment universalism, old leftists and liberals (among others, of course) enjoined us to look through such differences and, in the words of Martin Luther King, judge people by "the content of their character, not the colour of their skin".

How times have changed. The University of California recently issued a list of "offensive" phrases that students and staff should avoid. The list includes "there is only one race, the human race" and "when I look at you, I don't

blacks killed in inner-city gang violence. That would require addressing the cultural pathologies that have destroyed the lives of so many young black people.

It also would require acknowledging that the only thing that stands between inner-city black communities and unrestrained gang violence is the police. Since the Ferguson incident, police have been subjected to an extraordinary campaign of vilification in the media in the US and by newly empowered taunting mobs on the ground.

Police are presumed guilty and must be punished, irrespective of facts and evidence. In the Ferguson case, the preferred "hands up don't shoot" narrative has been shown definitively to be a pack of lies after exhaustive investigations by a grand jury and the federal Department of Justice. The campaigners are furious that an innocent cop clearly acting in self-defence has not been thrown into jail (he has lost his job).

But no matter, where facts conflict with the preferred narrative, so much the worse for facts. For example, in an article titled "What does race do?" Alana Lentin, an associate professor at the University of Western Sydney who is active in the critical race and whiteness studies field, refers matter-of-factly to Ferguson as a case of "racist murder".

The result? Police in cities across the US feel thoroughly intimidated and are increasingly reluctant to pursue the proactive law-enforcement practices that have been so effective in reducing homicide rates in inner-city communities in the past few decades.

FBI director James Comey recently linked a surge in violent crime in major cities across the country to a "chill wind" facing

hyper-conscious of race, the better to feed an unending sense of grievance about "white skin privilege" by "people of colour", and a perpetual sense of guilt on the part of those with white skin.

Unlike other identities, which are to be celebrated, whiteness is vile. Among leading figures in the whiteness studies movement we find statements such as, "there is no crime that whiteness has not committed against people of colour".

One of the pioneers of the field, US social scientist and historian Noel Ignatiev, has called for the "abolition of whiteness". Statements such as this are hate speech under an academic veneer. Just imagine the response if any other race or identity were substituted.

And whites invariably are privileged. According to Ignatiev: "The white race is a historically constructed social formation. It consists of all those who partake of the privileges of the white skin in this society. Its most wretched members share a status higher, in certain respects, than that of the most exalted persons excluded from it."

So someone born into the most impoverished white family should see themselves as privileged compared with, say, Barack Obama's daughters? What privilege has been conferred on those non-white Asians who have tended to be so successful in Western societies? The thesis is simply preposterous.

In the US, where it originated, whiteness studies and its parent discipline, critical race theory, demand more than abstract theorising. Devotees are expected to engage actively with political campaigns, on campus and in the wider world.

According to an online Harvard law article, "critical race scholars identify and embrace a radical tradition of race-conscious mobilisation as an empowerment strategy for African Americans, Latinos, Asians, and other persons of colour". "Race-conscious mobilisation"? Is this 21st-century progressive thought? That phrase would not be out of place in the 1930s Nazi tabloid *Der Sturmer*.

The signature campaign at the moment is the "black lives matter" movement that sprang up after the shooting of young blacks by white police in Ferguson, Missouri, and elsewhere.

Actually, it should be renamed "some black lives matter" — those that fit the PC narrative. There is minimal interest in the vastly greater number of young

being killed in America's cities this year than in many years — and let's be clear: far more people of colour are being killed in America's cities this year. And it's not the cops doing the killing."

Whiteness studies is the logical end point of PC academe's loathing of Western civilisation and all its works, and its exaltation of the Other". It is striking how traditional progressive concerns, such as women's rights and opposition to cruel practices dissolve at the first whiff of conflict with the imperatives of culture and identity.

Expatriate feminist Germaine Greer has been pilloried, rightly, for comments on the ABC's Q&A where she compared female genital mutilation, which she euphemised to "genital cutting", with voluntary cosmetic surgery. According to her, banning it would be "an attack on cultural identity".

Things can get really serious when this mentality seeps into the wider world. It has led, for example, to the abject failure to address an epidemic of female genital mutilation and forced marriage in Britain.

Then there is the extraordinary scandal in the northern England town of Rotherham where, for years, police and welfare authorities failed, for "cultural sensitivity" reasons, to pursue hundreds of cases of severe, **racially motivated rape** and abuse of young white girls, **most from dysfunctional homes.**

Pity the poor victims, both non-white and white.

This kind of scholarship-as-activism has largely destroyed the universities as places where contentious issues can be freely debated. I experienced this in March when a talk I attended at the University of Sydney was disrupted by a screeching mob, backed by activist academics, who opposed the speaker's pro-Israel viewpoint.

The PC revolution has begun to devour its own. Some left-liberal American academics have written of their terror of their own students, describing how they carefully calibrate every word to avoid creating offence.

In a final irony, even Greer has just had to run the PC gauntlet. Students at Cardiff University tried to prevent her speaking for "continually misgendering trans women and denying the existence of transphobia altogether".

Peter Baldwin was a minister in the Hawke and Keating governments.

12,000 Perfect Precision Marching

Xi cuts 300,000 troops at pa

The Day Xi Jinping declared himself to his people as Emperor of The

SCOTT MURDOCH
CHINA CORRESPONDENT

President Xi Jinping has used Beijing's greatest military parade to cut troop numbers by 300,000, telling world powers "we Chinese love peace".

But yesterday's message of harmony was delivered in front of 12,000 marching troops and an arsenal of new military hardware, which rolled through Tiananmen Square to mark the 70th anniversary since the end of World War II.

The event was marketed as the anniversary of China's victory against "Japanese aggression and world anti-fascist war". Aircraft flew over the square in a formation that read "70" and the parade ended with 70,000 doves and balloons released above the capital.

The largest military function held in the capital was largely snubbed by world leaders fearful of damaging relations with Japan amid a spate of regional territorial disputes.

The dignitaries were led by South Korean President Park Geun-hye, Russian President Vladimir Putin and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, whose attendance prompted criticism from Japan.

Australia's Veterans' Affairs Minister Michael Ronaldson was at the parade but leaders such as US President Barack Obama, British Prime Minister David Cameron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel declined to attend.

At the Tiananmen Gate, Mr Xi promised China's role in the world



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Beauty

World

'Leaky' China cash fuels property

Australian

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ANDREW MAIN
ECONOMY

One of the biggest risks to the Australian property market is a potential crackdown by the Chinese central bank on its citizens exporting capital to invest in other countries, says Hamish Douglass.

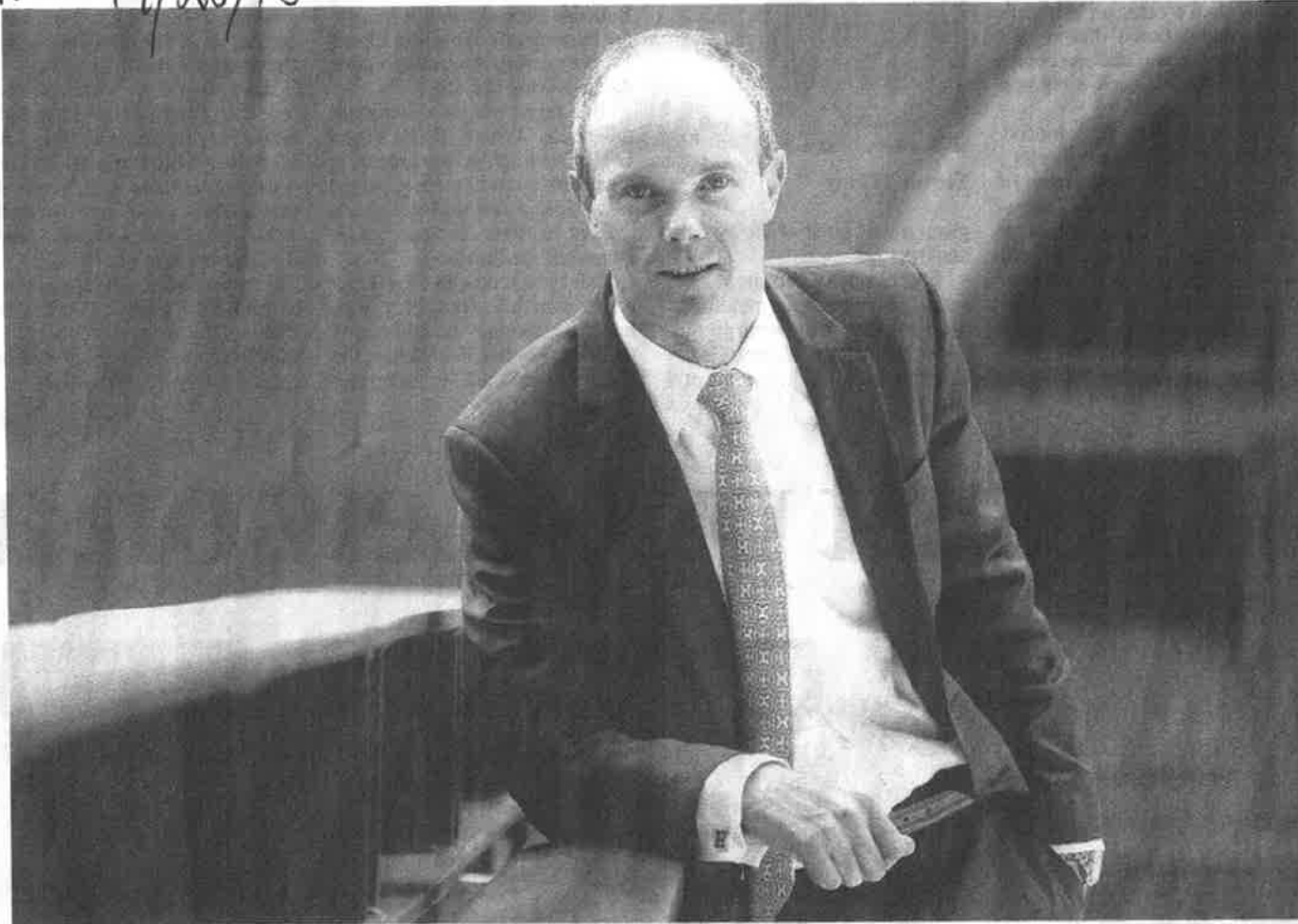
Mr Douglass, the chief executive and chief investment officer of the Magellan group, said this week that between \$US450 billion and \$US500bn of mainly private capital had left China in the past 12 months thanks to "very leaky" export controls, and the People's Bank of China now wants to see capital flowing back to where it came from.

"Of this capital that's been leaving, tens of billions of dollars has been finding its way into the Australian property market and for us that's acted as a form of stimulus as our commodity markets slowed down. It's breathtaking and it simply wouldn't have happened without this capital that's been flying out of China.

"It's not only Australia — there have been other countries — but ultimately the more of our property capital stock that gets into the hands of a foreign constituency, the more correlation our property market ultimately experiences to either the policy implications which make up the country, or the investment desires or whims of that class of investor.

"From a policy point of view, capital leaving China is actually sucking dollars out of their economy and their economy's slowing down, so you could see, legitimately, that the People's Bank of China may want to slow the rate of capital outflow because it's draining financial resources."

He said that there was a legal limit of \$US50,000 (\$69,000) a



JAMES CROUCHER

Hamish Douglass, CEO of Magellan, says up to \$US500 billion of mainly private capital has left China in the past 12 months

and "if the PBoC really clamped down on that, property investment would stop immediately and the price of apartments, many of which are specifically designed for the Chinese market, could drop by as much as 50 per cent".

Mr Douglass served a five-year term on the Foreign Investment Review Board between 2009 and 2014. He explained that "as soon as the buyer signs a contract to buy

"At that point the Chinese can't sell to themselves; they'll have to sell to Australians. And do Australians really want to buy residential property in CBDs on this scale? Under our foreign investment rules they're the only ones who can buy it from the Chinese. And in that circumstance the price might be going down and the buyer will want a bargain.

"We're talking Sydney, Mel-

bank deposit but if that investor suddenly feels that there's risk involved and it's not a bank deposit, they want to sell and they see prices moving, the herd changes direction and that can compound the problem."

He admitted that much of the Chinese property investment in Australia was financed offshore or indeed paid for in full by the buyer, and that Australian banks had

if we get a 50 per cent drop in the prices of apartments, there will be a drop in the value of bank shares. Even though Australians prefer houses to apartments, any drop in one sector of the market is going to spill over into the other sectors because of relative valuations."

He said not all capital was going into housing. "There's some capital leaving for development needs and corporate M&A, but

100 relatives and actually pay them renminbi in China and take the money out yourself", he said.

"Or you go to a third party intermediary who puts in a fake invoice for purchases offshore for import reasons.

"This is where corruption comes in. And lo and behold, the banks are processing a lot of legitimate capital needs which are actually illegitimate."

He said that the PBoC's slight devaluation of the yuan on August 11, "and it was only slight", was a "brilliant" move because it made capital exports more difficult at a time when those suddenly more valuable overseas currencies were easier to tempt back into China.

He made it clear he doesn't expect any looming bust in China, despite the slowdown and more than 22 million apartments lying empty. "because the Chinese government is in the strongest financial position of any country in the world and the government still owns 40 per cent of the economy.

"Post August 11 the PBoC has brought back into China more money than ever before, at a better rate," he said.

"One way for our government to reduce the risk of a bust in the apartment market would be to allow overseas buyers to purchase housing stock owned by overseas buyers, but that would be a politically charged decision given the sensitivities around foreign ownership of housing."

"We've been in a perfect positive cycle and the problem is that when you start moving you get into a vicious cycle going in the other direction."

"We've now been 21 years without a recession and a recession is caused by a drop in the property market.

"The global financial crisis could have caused it to happen in

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Shi'ites enraged by cleric's execution

It is inevitable that the House of Saud will collapse due to the youth demanding change one day.

Saudi embassy attacked

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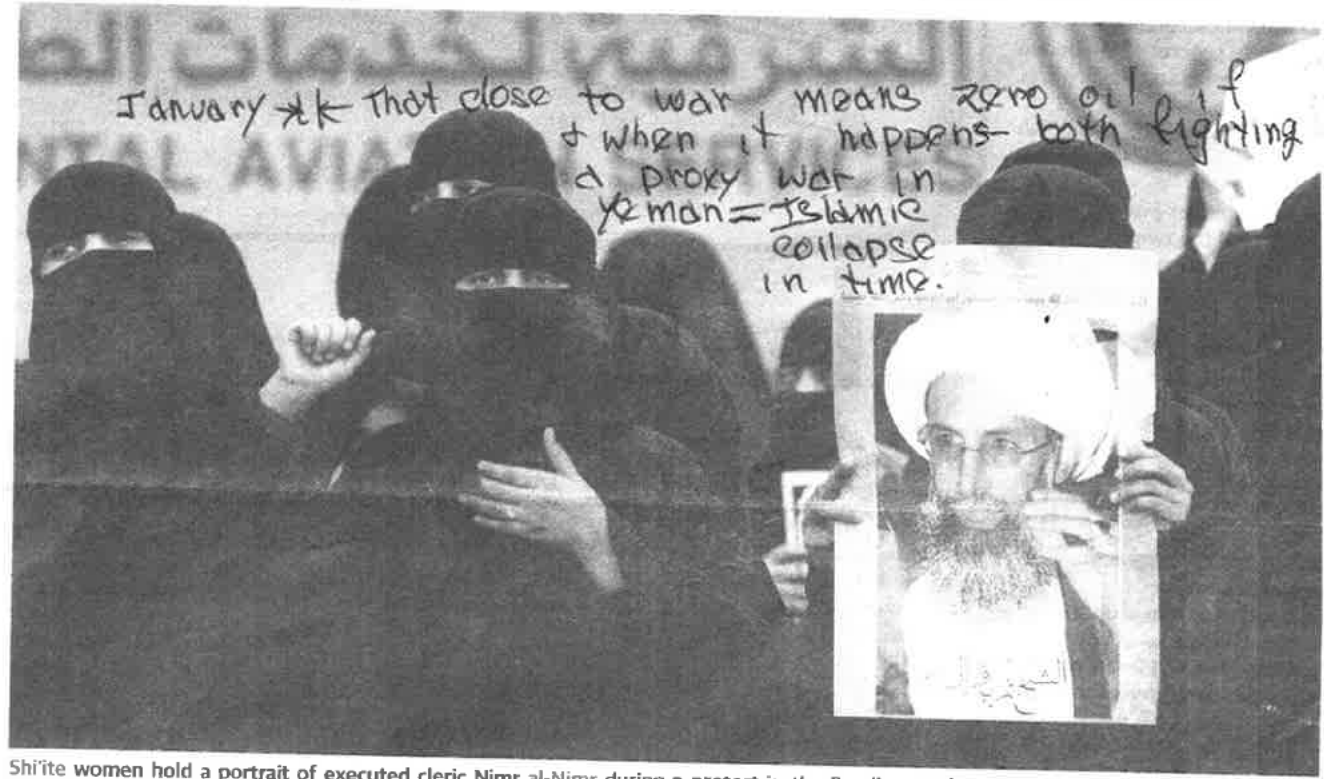
IRANIAN protesters stormed the Saudi Embassy in Tehran as Shi'ite Muslims reacted furiously to Saudi Arabia's execution of a prominent Shi'ite cleric.

Demonstrators who had massed at the embassy gates yesterday to protest at Nimr al-Nimr's execution broke into the embassy and lit fires before being cleared by police.

Iran's hard line Revolutionary Guards had promised "harsh revenge" against the Saudi Sunni royal dynasty for executing Nimr, considered a terrorist by Riyadh but hailed in Iran as a champion of the rights of Saudi Arabia's marginalised Shi'ite minority.

Nimr had come to be seen as a leader of the sect's younger activists, who had tired of the failure of older, more measured leaders to achieve equality with Sunnis.

Although most of the 47 men killed in the kingdom's biggest mass execution for decades were Sunni, protesters



Shi'ite women hold a portrait of executed cleric Nimr al-Nimr during a protest in the Saudi coastal city of Qatif

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has grown increasingly worried in recent years as Middle East turmoil, especially in Syria and Iraq, has boosted Sunni jihadism.

2016 Australians are frightened - gated communities - private houses high fences locked gates security lights + cameras. Ditto streets + businesses. Ambulance + Police recruits resigning within 3-5 year from abuse pressure. Police stress enormous - suicides high - enormous fall out + no national guard. Police in schools guards on buses + some security in nightclubs hospitals + private night patrols. Zero people trust in our leaders banks all systems - including our law. All systems including education dysfunctional in reality.

All above chaos is driven by a lawless large section of our society created + creating this hell by our Fabian Hellmakers. We are rushing toward an implosion of Aus society the direct aim of these Pied Pipers leading / driving us all into slavery + bondage being the final stage of democracy. Before takeover The Aus the the Keckon result of your RE into Don Dale will only emphasis to The Aus the depth of our screwed up systems + all the thousands + growing thousands of out of control dysfunctional youth + adults all heading toward bigger + better Don Dale institutions. And the \$ cost is in countless billions from policing courts gods particularly the \$ + trauma cost to our society at large. The dumbing down + destruction of all systems values + people by The Faber.

Upon this order of confusion superimpose Mr Hawkes years as ACTU president together with the collusion of his comrades and disciples the militant socialist leaders dreaming up and imposing impractical work practices and now continued as Prime Minister. Then we all must realize why we are broke. Imposing the The Bible Of Lenin "one world Government, by any means whatsoever" Implemented in Australia with intentional bankruptcy by creating inflated wages for less work and complicated work procedures. Kill the will by disincentive taxes and create a dependant subservient society through social service handouts.

Kill the country by organised strikes, by confusion, and by NO (NO) situations sending everyone in the tribe including all non rank and file members into receivership to our lender nations, a situation necessary prior to a takeover by Socialism

This is the Reality of Australia today 1985.

Stalin sure got it right sending all ^{involved} concerned to Siberia never to be seen again.

"Lenins Bible. A one world socialist Gov by any means whatsoever. Every Nation has its idiots - we will find those idiots + use them for a world takeover." Russia 1917-1989 72 years then collapsed. Now China today. Australia - 1947-2017 yrs intensive driven socialism - socialist way to go teachings.

Oceans 'severely damaged'

Humans are mismanaging oceans to the brink of collapse with nearly half of the world's marine mammals, birds, reptiles and fish lost in a single generation, a major new study has found.

An emergency edition of WWF Living Blue Planet report released today said some fish stocks relied on by humans had fallen by 75 per cent since 1970.

The report by WWF and Royal Zoological Society of London tracked 5829 populations of 1234 species, almost twice as large as previous studies. Species essential to commercial and subsistence fishing were suffering the greatest declines, with stocks of fish populations belonging to the family that includes tunas, mackerels and bonitos falling by 74 per cent.

The report found one in four species of sharks, rays and skates were threatened with extinction.

Tropical reefs had lost more than half their reef-building corals during the past 30 years.

Nearly 20 per cent of mangrove cover was lost between 1980 and 2005, and 29 per cent of marine fisheries were overfished.

"In the space of just one generation, human activity has severely damaged the ocean by catching fish faster than they can reproduce while also destroying their nurseries," WWF-Australia CEO Dermot O'Gorman said.

"Overfishing, destruction of marine habitats and climate change have dire consequences for the entire human population, with the poorest communities that rely on the sea getting hit fastest and hardest," Mr O'Gorman said. Release of the

report coincides with a United Nations meeting later this month in New York which is expected to adopt a global plan to tackle extreme poverty, inequality, human rights and food insecurity, all while protecting the environment.

The Living Blue Planet Report highlights the need for countries with significant marine assets, such as Australia, to set aside important ocean habitats for protection.

"In 2012 Australia was on track to deliver the world's largest network of marine sanctuaries, and to take a leadership role in the management of our ocean resources, but these sanctuaries are now under review," Mr O'Gorman said.

WWF has also called for the waters around Antarctica to be protected in a network of large-scale, permanent marine protected areas.

"The Southern Ocean provides homes for whales, seals, albatrosses and penguins, while also supporting globally important fisheries and helping to regulate the global climate," Mr O'Gorman said.

Twenty-five nations with interests in the Southern Ocean will meet in Hobart next month at the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, where they will consider a proposed network of marine protected areas in the Ross Sea and in the waters around East Antarctica.

"The proposed network of marine protected areas in this valuable ocean wilderness would be the largest of its kind in the world," Mr O'Gorman said.

GRAHAM LLOYD

'Tipping point' for marine life

The world's oceans had reached a "tipping point" of massive and effectively irreversible impacts due to rising levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, a global research effort has found.

The ocean stocktake commissioned by the French National Centre for Scientific Research and Sorbonne University warned of dramatic consequences for marine life and human wellbeing if rising CO₂ emissions were left unchecked.

Presenting the paper in *Science* magazine, French and Australian researchers said increases in atmospheric CO₂ would "rapidly and significantly alter many ecosystems and the associated services on which humans heavily depend".

University of Queensland Global Change Institute director Ove Hoegh-Guldberg said there was compelling evidence that rises in the atmospheric concentration of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases were already resulting in fundamental changes to the physical, chemical and biological properties of the planet.

Professor Hoegh-Guldberg said oceans were changing at rates which were, in some cases,

faster than any seen over the past 65 million years.

"There is high confidence that many marine organisms, their communities and ecosystems are undergoing fundamental change as the world's oceans warm, acidify and lose oxygen," Professor Hoegh-Guldberg said.

Lead author and senior scientist at the French centre Jean-Pierre Gattuso said that oceans had been underestimated at previous climate negotiations.

The study highlighted four key messages, including that the ocean strongly influences the climate system and provides important services to humans; that impacts on key marine and coastal organisms, ecosystems, and services from anthropogenic CO₂ emissions were already detectable and several would face impacts well before 2100, even with the stringent CO₂ emissions cuts; and as CO₂ rises, the protection, adaptation, and repair options for the ocean become fewer and less effective.

The scientists said that immediate and substantial reduction of CO₂ emissions was required to prevent massive and effectively irreversible impacts on ocean ecosystems.

GRAHAM LLOYD

Did Tsipras engine

Greece made a last-minute

by creditors last week.

has always argued that the credit-
ors would ultimately capitulate in
the face of Greek intransigence.
Even now, most eurozone poli-
cymakers are willing to believe
that Tsipras has blundered into his
position as a result of inexperience
and incompetence rather than as a
how much of Alexis Tsipras's fac-
tors over the past five months have
been driven by incompetence and
how much by conspiracy? It's a

SIMON NIXON
COMMENT

HERE'S WHY NON-GOVERNME

*Deliberate dumbing down
Let's drop Marxist-inspired nonsense and by
get our children back to the basics Socialist
left left.*

KEVIN DONNELLY



In 2004, in *Why Our Schools are Failing*, I argued Australia's competitive academic curriculum was being "attacked and undermined by a series of ideologically driven changes that have conspired to reduce standards and impose a politically correct, mediocre view of education on our schools".

Three years later, in *Dumbing Down*, I repeated the claim, arguing that Australia's cultural-left education establishment instead of supporting high-risk examinations, teacher-directed lessons and meritocracy, was redefining the curriculum "as an instru-

ment to bring about equity and social justice".

At the time the Australian Curriculum Studies Association organised two national conferences involving leading education bureaucrats, professional organisations, teacher unions and like-minded academics to argue all was well and that critics such as the News Corp's newspapers were guilty of orchestrating a "black media debate" and a "conservative backlash".

The Australian's campaign for rigour and standards in education, especially its defence of classic literature and teaching grammar, was condemned by one critic as a "particularly ferocious campaign" that was guilty of wanting "to restore a traditional approach to the teaching of English".

Fast-forward to 2016 and it's clear where the truth lies. Despite

of our nation since 1947 Red

investing additional billions and implementing a raft of education reforms, Australia's ranking in international tests is going backwards and too many students are leaving school illiterate, innumerate and culturally impoverished.

In the 2011 Progress in International Reading Literacy Study, Australian students were ranked 22nd; in the 2015 Program for International Student Assessment, Australian students were ranked 20th in mathematics; and in the 2015 Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study, our Year 4 science students were outperformed by 17 other countries.

Australia's national curriculum, instead of acknowledging we are a Western liberal democracy and the significance of our Judeo-Christian heritage, embraces cultural relativism and prioritises politically correct indigenous, Asian and sustainability perspectives.

Instead of focusing on the basics, teachers are pressured to teach Marxist-inspired programs such as the LGBTI Safe Schools program where gender is fluid and

limitless and Roz Ward, one of the founders, argues: "It will only be through a revitalised class struggle and revolutionary change that we can hope for the liberation of LGBTI people."

What's to be done? It's rare that those responsible for failure are capable of choosing the right way forward. Organisations such as ACSA, the Australian Education Union and the Australian Council for Educational Research are part of the problem, not the solution.

Instead of education fads and a command-and-control model mandated by such bodies, where schools are made to implement a one-size-fits-all curriculum, assessment, accountability and staffing system, schools must be freed from provider capture and given the autonomy to manage themselves.

As argued by Melbourne-based Brian Caldwell: "There is a powerful educational logic to locating a higher level of authority, responsibility and accountability for curriculum, teaching and assessment at the school level. Each school has a unique mix of students in respect to their needs, interests, aptitudes

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NT SCHOOLS WORK BETTER

It is vital to ensure that teacher training and classroom practice are evidence-based

and ambitions; indeed, each classroom has a unique mix."

The reason Catholic and independent schools, on the whole, outperform government schools is not because of students' socio-economic status, which has a relatively weak impact on outcomes, but because non-government schools have control over staffing, budgets, curriculum focus and classroom practice.

In a paper this year — The Importance of School Systems: Evidence from International Differences in Student Achievement — European research Ludger Woessmann identifies "school autonomy and private competition" as important factors when explaining why some education systems outperform others.

Instead of adopting ineffective fads such as constructivism — where the emphasis is on inquiry-

based discovery learning, teachers being guides by the side and content being secondary to process — it is vital to ensure that teacher training and classroom practice are evidence-based.

Not so in Australia, where the dominant approach is based on constructivism.

In opposition, and when arguing in favour of explicit teaching and direct instruction, NSW academic John Sweller states that "there is no aspect of human cognitive architecture that suggests that inquiry-based learning should be superior to direct instructional guidance and much to suggest that it is likely to be inferior".

American educationalist ED Hirsch and Sweller argue that children must be able to automatically recall what has been taught. Primary schoolchildren, in particular, need to memorise times tables, do mental arithmetic and learn to recite poems and ballads.

After citing several research studies, Hirsch concludes: "Varied and repeated practice leading to rapid recall and automaticity is necessary to higher-order prob-

lem-solving skills in both mathematics and the sciences."

Even though Australia has one of the highest rates of classroom computer use, our results are going backwards.

A recent OECD study concludes "countries which have invested heavily in information and communication technologies for education have seen no noticeable improvement in their performances in PISA results for reading, mathematics or science".

At a time when Australia's education ministers are deciding a new school funding model after 2017, it is also vital to realise investing additional billions, as argued by the AEU and NSW's Education Minister Adrian Piccoli, is not the solution. Australia has been down that road across 20 years and standards have failed to improve.

The debate needs to shift from throwing more money after bad, a la Gonski, to identifying the most cost-effective way to use resources to raise standards.

As noted by Eric Hanushek and Woessmann in *The Knowledge Capital of Nations*, the focus must be on "how money is spent

(instead) of how much money is spent".

And here the research is clear. Stronger performing education systems embrace competition, autonomy, diversity and choice in education, and benchmark their curriculum and approaches to teaching and learning against world's best practice and evidence-based research.

Teachers set high expectations with a disciplined classroom environment, students are taught to be resilient and motivated to succeed, there is less external micro-management, and parents are engaged and supportive of their children's teachers.

As argued in the Review of the Australian National Curriculum I co-chaired, it is also vital to eschew educational fads and new age, politically correct ideology and ensure what is taught is based on what American psychologist Jerome Bruner describes as "the structure of the disciplines".

Kevin Donnelly is a senior research fellow at the Australian Catholic University and author of The Culture of Freedom.

New NT home lending rates slip

ASHLEY MANICAROS

THE Northern Territory recorded an 8.3 per cent drop in home lending volumes during May.

ABS figures released yesterday showed new home lending volumes slipped across the country.

The Housing Industry Association's senior economist Shane Garrett, pictured left, said this was despite a cut in the RBA's official cash rate.

"Despite the reduction in the RBA's official cash rate at the beginning of May, new home lending volumes experienced a slight reduction," he said.

"The Federal Budget was also delivered on the same day and prospective homebuyers are likely to have taken a step back from the market until its implications became clear.

"With the federal election result now clear, potential homebuyers are likely to return to the market with a great deal more certainty.



Sea life under threat as mangroves die

DUGONGS and sea turtles could be some of the casualties of an "unprecedented" dieback of thousands of hectares of mangroves in the Northern Territory and Queensland.

Aerial images have shown the extent of the damage to the ecosystem in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

James Cook University Professor Norm Duke from the Australian Mangrove and Saltmarsh said 7000ha of mangroves — more than 9 per cent of the mangroves in the area 700km west of Normanston to the Roper River — were dead or dying.

Dr Duke said the dieback could have severe repercussions on marine life in the area.

"Some of the mangroves will recover, some won't," he said. "But there are already anecdotal reports of marine life dying and piles of dead seagrass washing up on the shore. If that's true then turtles and dugongs will be starving in a few months.

The dieback has been attributed to high temperatures and consecutive poor wet seasons, and is likely related to climate change.

"We have seen smaller instances of this kind of moisture stress before, but what is so unusual now is its extent, and that it occurred across the whole southern gulf in a sin-

gle month," Dr Duke said.

"What we are seeing is a natural process, but nature usually does this incrementally. Not with such severity. We have never seen this before.

"The normal wet season in the region is four to five months long, with about 100mm falling in a month.

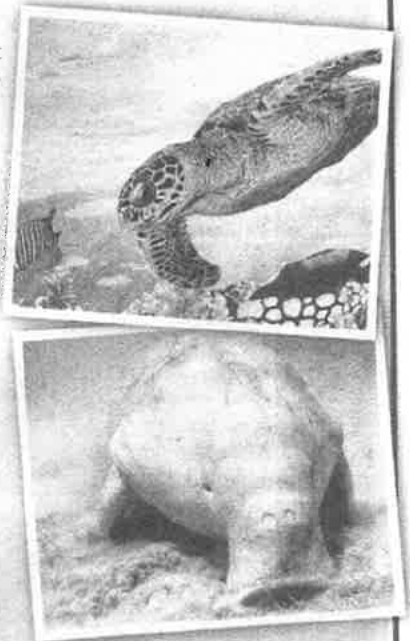
"But it seems there were 10 or 11 months in a row with rainfall below 50mm."

He said further study would be needed to properly monitor the situation.

"By all accounts, the climate is going to become more

erratic, so we can expect these type of events to become more common," he said.

"The scale of this impact, covering the distance from Sydney to Melbourne, necessitates a more thorough assessment to better understand both the cause and the considerable wider impact and repercussions."



Climate change threatening Kakadu fish life

NORTHERN Australia Hub researchers have uncovered the fish most at risk of sea level rise in Kakadu National Park.

New research has found the World Heritage-listed park supports an outstanding array of fish diversity, but climate change, especially sea level rise, threatens to put some of this unique biodiversity at risk.

To help better understand this threat and its potential impacts on fish, tropical river scientists extensively surveyed Kakadu's estuaries, as part of the Australian Government's National Environmental Research Program (NERP).

Griffith University principal research fellow Mark Kennard says fish play an important role in the aquatic habitats of Northern Australia.

"This is especially true in Kakadu National Park, which is only about 1 per cent of the total area of Northern Australia, but is home to a third of all freshwater fish spe-

"Fish are essential to the riverine food web dynamics in the park"

cies recorded in the region," Dr Kennard said.

"There are 62 species of freshwater fish in Kakadu. Many of these live within Kakadu's freshwater wetlands.

"Over the next century, climate change will cause sea level rise and more extreme high tides, which will bring salt water from the ocean into lower lying freshwater wetlands killing plants the fish rely on."

The research identified 11 species of freshwater fish that are considered to be vulnerable to the impacts associated with increased salinity.

"The species that were most vulnerable were those that cannot tolerate saltier water or that will have a large proportion of their habitat changed," Dr Kennard said.

"Those most at risk include the popular angling species northern saratoga, as well as other small but ecologically important species such as pennyfish, poreless gudgeon, two species of blue-eyes and the black-banded rainbowfish."

Dr Kennard presented the findings of his research to park managers, Traditional Owners and the general public during research seminars in Kakadu National Park and in Darwin this week.

Several other NERP researchers also spoke about the results of their projects during the seminars.

"Fish are essential to the riverine food web dynamics in the park and are of great recreational and cultural significance," Dr Kennard said.



A sample of fish collected during the research in Kakadu. Picture: NORTHERN AUSTRALIA HUB

Passive welfare outcry

By ZACH HOPE

A SLOW-moving and south-
ern-centric Federal Govern-
ment looms as the major
obstacle in a bid to cleanse the
Territory of the "infectious
claws" of passive welfare,
Attorney General John Elferink
says.

A passionate Mr Elferink
told the NT News: "I genuinely
believe passive welfare has led
to more deaths in Aboriginal
communities than any other
policy of the government since

Correct

Working for money key to pride, Elferink says

federation." He has lobbied the
Commonwealth colleagues to
change laws he believes are de-
stroying a third generation of
indigenous youth since policy
changes in the 1960s and 70s
made welfare accessible for
little or no community return.

Mr Elferink said his central
reform tenet was the notion of
welfare for work.

Under his plan, welfare pay-

ments would be administered
by regional "boards", which
would set people to work for
their communities in return for
money.

Most notably, Mr Elferink
has spoken to Indigenous
Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion
and Human Services Minister
Marise Payne.

In a swipe at the Govern-
ment, he said he doubted his

argument would cut through
in Canberra, where policy
shaping could be skewed in
favour of voters in key south-
ern metropolitan seats.

"They (colleagues) were
sympathetic, but I'm sure this
leviathan that the Federal
Government is will be slow to
respond," he said.

"That's because, in reality,
the way passive welfare

becomes manifest in the
Northern Territory and our
remote communities is differ-
ent to the way it does in the
major centres.

"There are only 20 seats
north of the Tropic of Capri-
corn ... sometimes these con-
cerns don't register."

Mr Elferink said the notion
of working for money was
once a source of pride in indi-

genous communities until gov-
ernment "guilt" from past
wrongdoings prompted idle-
money policies.

The result, he said, was de-
stroyed culture, communities
and lives; visible in the squalor
of remote communities and in
their disturbing alcohol, viol-
ence and suicide statistics.

"To make someone the
passenger on the bus of life is
to deprive them of any sense of
self worth," he said.

Mr Scullion declined to
comment.

WHERE INCLUSIVITY MEANS 'GET YOUR BELIEFS OUT OF HERE'

Leftist students are practising an insidious form of discrimination to stifle opposition

ANGELA SHANAHAN



In 1976 there was a fracas at University of Sydney that resulted in a student strike in the political economy department. For a month, aided and abetted by the Trotskyites (I think; I could never quite sort the Marxists into their proper factional alignments), students from various faculties put up a blockade and threatened anyone trying to get to a lecture. This all involved some pretty low tactics — abuse, spitting, pushing — but eventually a few students got through to attend a lecture. At its worst, this kind of protest was a trampling of academic freedom, since much of it was aimed at conservative professors, but it was also a travesty of a student's right

to study in peace, never mind the criminal standover tactics. Meanwhile, on the other side of the barricades there was the Democratic Club and Peace with Freedom at University of NSW. Protest and counter-protest could be wearying, but at least you knew where you were with the old Marxists. And frankly for a lot of students, as Greg Sheridan cleverly has conveyed in his book *When We Were Young and Foolish*, it was, well, fun. But that was in the old days at Sydney Uni. Today things are rather more subdued. No big protests and the average student can go about their business unmolested. Or can they? The recent threat to deregister all religious groups on campus at Sydney Uni is, in many ways, a more dangerous threat to freedom than anything those of us who remember the 1970s had to endure. It has been widely pilloried in the press as the ultimate in politically

correct lunacy. In the name of inclusivism the union wants to exclude the executives of a religious society because they based their group on a shared religious membership. None of these societies excludes anyone of any or no religious persuasion from coming to talks, events, liturgical celebration whatever. The Evangelical Union has raised the ire of the student union over the requirement for its executive to sign a written pledge that Jesus is Lord. Now the Catholics, the Orthodox, the Jews and Muslims are all being threatened with deregistration. That means societies can't practically operate campus. The union is saying in effect, "we are so inclusive, we are not going to include you". Got it? You'd better because this doublethink is happening everywhere. The reason for the union's opposition to the religious societies is not hard to work out. The religious groups are against the entire green-left politically correct mindset that the union is anxious to foster. Its agenda has been exposed by this incident, which it had hoped to keep in-house. The president tweeted that the "external media" has been "un-

helpful" and portrayed the union as "antagonistic". True, and the union's tactics leave open the question of whether the attempt to compromise freedom of association is legal. Francis Tamer of the Catholic Society is tired of the ideological bullying and doublespeak. "We are literally having to verbalise view of freedom of association, which in the British tradition is based on freedom of religion. But ignorance never did stop student activists from having a superior view of their virtue, which has given rise to the totalitarianism of infantile moral equivalence and empty rights talk couched invariably in the language of inclusiveness. Inclusiveness is the badge of virtue that has become a feature of campus life in most English speaking countries and at most of the great universities. Oxford and Harvard have developed various protocols to cover things such as gender inclusiveness policies, safe spaces for minorities, which are all being used to push through various political and ideological agendas, and in some cases personal grievance. This week a bizarre case was reported from Edinburgh. A university student, Imogen Wilson, who raised her hand in a meeting was accused of violating "safe space" rules because the gesture "could have intimidated others". The university's rules prohibit discriminatory language and compel students to refrain "from hand gestures which denote disagreement". She also was threatened with another com-
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Another example of this is the discrimination - against Life-Choice, an anti-abortion society, which consistently has been given a difficult time at all the universities at which it has tried to be registered. This fracas over student societies might seem funny if it didn't show an extraordinarily ignorant

plaint after shaking her head while someone was speaking. She said she believed safe space rules had been used as a political tool against her after she spoke out against anti-Semitism. This sort of thing is insidious. This girl was a supporter of the safe space rules and this incident shows that the tools a society deems to be quite correct can be used against the democratic processes. This can be done by the rule-framers framing the rules so their position is non-violent, inclusive and thus good. But if you challenge them, yours is violent, exclusionary and bad. We can't dismiss this as silly student stuff because these students are the professional class and the social manipulators of the future. The tactics of student protest in the 60s and 70s were overtly aggressive, and they were met with aggressive opposition. But it seems today that the Gramscian tactics of old have been replaced by a much more subtle form of bullying, infinitely more dangerous and harder for the average student to distance themselves from because it is based on pernicious, widely accepted notions of social inclusivism — and, ironically, exclusivism.

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Xi to give Pakistan \$59bn for 21st century 'Silk roads'

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Chinese President Xi Jinping is set to unveil \$59 billion in infrastructure development assistance to Pakistan today, an unprecedented aid package likely to alter the constellation of alliances in the Indian Ocean region as China seeks to usurp the US as its biggest power.

Spending will focus on the development of a 3200km China-Pakistan Economic Corridor of roads, rail and energy pipelines, linking Pakistan's Chinese-operated Gwadar port on the Arabian Sea in Balochistan to Kashgar in China's Xinjiang region and ultimately Europe.

The new route will allow Chinese ships direct access to the Indian Ocean, while avoiding the narrow Malacca Strait, which it sees as US-dominated and thus a strategic vulnerability.

The money will be provided largely as loans to Chinese companies to build infrastructure designed to boost Pakistan's struggling economy, including close to \$20bn worth of coal, wind, solar and hydro energy projects which will produce an extra 10,400 megawatts for the energy-starved country by 2018.

But the deal is also believed to include an agreement to buy eight Chinese conventional submarines to counter India's naval expansion and dominance in the Indian Ocean.

The \$7.5bn purchase, approved by a parliamentary committee in Islamabad this month, has raised concerns in New Delhi that the submarines could be modified to carry nuclear warheads.

Western nations have repeatedly accused China of imperilling regional stability through the sale of nuclear technology and advanced cruise missiles to Pakistan.

But as Washington seeks to

build closer ties with India and an alliance of democracies — including Australia — in the Indian Ocean region, China is making a determined push to enhance its relationships with both Pakistan and Afghanistan, where US influence is waning.

In Afghanistan, China has picked up where the US left off, by seeking to broker fresh peace talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban.

In Pakistan, in addition to its trade ambitions, China hopes its investment will help stem terrorism in its restive Xinjiang Province, where elements of its Uighur Muslim minority have founded the radical East Turkestan Islamic Movement and formed links with militants over the border in Pakistan's tribal region.

Pakistan Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal said China's assistance package represented "substantial and tangible projects which will have a significant trans-

formative effect on the Pakistan's economy".

"China and Pakistan need to align security concerns more closely to strengthen security co-operation," he said. "Our co-operation in the security and economic fields reinforce each other, and they must be advanced simultaneously."

Mr Xi arrived in Islamabad late yesterday for a two-day visit in which he will meet with Pakistan President Mamnoon Hussain and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and will address parliament.

During his meetings, he is expected to raise concerns over growing links between Uighur militants and Pakistani terror groups.

He was greeted at Islamabad's military airport by both men, as a fleet of eight fighter jets flew overhead and a military guard of honour gave the Chinese president a 21-gun salute.

Ahead of his arrival yesterday Mr Xi said his first trip to Pakistan

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"We need to enhance strategic co-ordination, deepen practical co-operation and work together for common development," he said in an article carried by the state-run Xinhua news agency.

"We will build the China-Pakistan community of common destiny and set a fine example for such efforts by China and its neighbouring countries."

China's Foreign Ministry said the Pakistan projects would be the first initiatives of its \$US40bn (\$51.3bn) Silk Road Economic Belt and Maritime Silk Road plans, designed to link China to Europe through Central Asia and then Russia.

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Rising risk of global conflict as US slumps

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The next five years will see ris-tensions within and between countries," the report says.

For better or worse, the emerging global landscape is drawing to close an era of American dominance following the Cold War.

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'Chinese dream' to dominate region

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China will likely post more submarines close to Australia's waters in response to our deepening defence relations with the US and Japan, one of the world's leading China experts has warned.

Chinese University of Hong Kong professor Willy Lam yesterday said Australia's economic relations with China would continue to be strengthened under President Xi Jinping's leadership, but there would be an element of "schizophrenia" behind its foreign policy.

While the country was seeking to bolster its economic credentials through diplomacy and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the "Chinese dream" of regional dominance would also foster aggressive displays of power, he said.

In Adelaide last night to present a briefing to the University of Adelaide's Confucius Institute, Professor Lam warned the Communist Party leader was an ambitious politician with a "Machiavellian streak" who had a clear ambition to crack down on dissent. This would include even tighter control over the internet,

he said. "Unless the internet is properly managed it could challenge the legitimacy and the existence of the Communist Party," Professor Lam said.

"We have seen very draconian and harsh measures against dissidents and even non-government organisations who are not challenging the government."

Comparing his rule to Russia's Vladimir Putin, Professor Lam said there was strong evidence Mr Xi intended to stay on beyond his seven-year term as President, which is due to expire in 2022.

"He doesn't abide by the rules," Professor Lam said. "He has already made plans to stay at least for 15 years, the equivalent of what Putin is doing."

Professor Lam warned Mr Xi's fierce nationalism would also include a crackdown on Australian businesses seeking to expand into China.

During the past two years, multinationals in China had complained the business climate was deteriorating, he said.

"For those multinationals who want to get into China, only those who are willing to share their technology with Chinese companies will be given the red-carpet treatment, otherwise they will be subjected to tougher scrutiny by the tax department and other departments," he said.

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Chinese developers plan entire cities abroad

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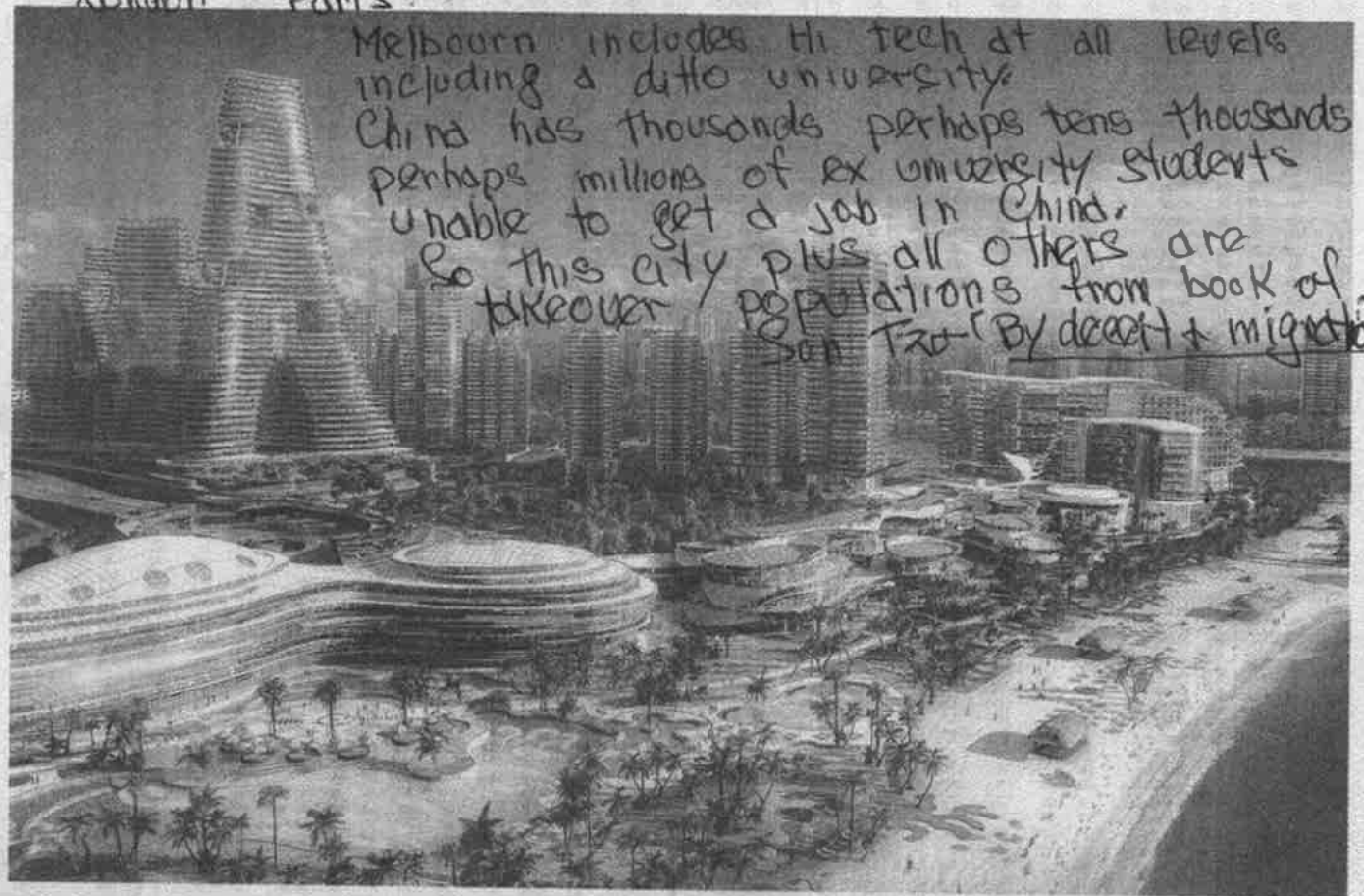
Chinese property developers have become a familiar sight at construction sites in the world's wealthiest and also least developed cities, from New York to Nairobi in Kenya.

Now, as growth continues to slow at home, they are becoming ever more ambitious, with plans to build not just skyscrapers and roads but entire cities from scratch. Some of the most ambitious plans are facing scepticism from analysts.

In January, Chinese developer Country Garden Holdings began a marketing campaign to sell as-yet-unbuilt apartment units in a project in Malaysia called Forest City. Just north of Singapore, the company is reclaiming four new islands on which it plans to construct a \$US40 billion (\$54bn) "eco-city" to house as many as 700,000 people.

In partnership with a company owned by the royal family of Johor, the state in which Forest City will be located, Country Garden has sunk about 2.24 billion Malaysian ringgit (\$736 million) into the ocean to build the city foundations. Plans include a surface area that is almost entirely pedestrianised, with road traffic travelling underground.

Chinese entertainment and



An artist's impression of Country Garden's planned Forest City on reclaimed land between Malaysia and Singapore

facilities located within walking distance of homes.

Developers began looking overseas for growth in 2013 following the Chinese government's

man & Wakefield. Since then, "it morphed into something bigger", she said.

"This is one trend that is here to stay. If anything it will grow."

years, and has suffered falling profits since 2013. It recently issued a profit warning for its 2015 earnings.

Peter Welborn, a partner at

In Malaysia, an economic slowdown has hurt demand for properties in the Johor state, and Country Garden clashed in 2014 with Singapore officials over the

Melbourn includes Hi tech at all levels including a ditto university.
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 So this city plus all others are takeover / populations from book of San Tao (By descent + migration)

Tropical heatwave wipes out ocean forests

VICTORIA LAURIE

Kelp forests off the coast of Western Australia have been wiped out by a heatwave, providing a strong warning of what the future might be like for Australia's temperate marine environment.

A team of marine scientists led by The University of Western Australia uncovered the extinction along 100km of Western Australia's coastline following a heatwave in 2011.

Kelp forests in the state's southern coastal waters, which contain huge diversity in seaweed species, have not experienced a heatwave of this significance before.

Lead author Thomas Wernberg from the UWA's Oceans Institute and School of Plant Biology said the heatwave had followed decades of ocean warming, and the kelp forest showed no signs of recovery five years later.

"Temperatures exceeded anything previously experienced by



T. WERNBERG

Rocky reefs in Kalbarri in 2005, and in 2013 after a heatwave

these kelp forests and they collapsed, allowing turf algae, tropical and subtropical fish, seaweed and coral to increase rapidly," Professor Wernberg said.

The appearance of turf seaweeds and grazing fishes now prevented the return of kelp forests, he said, leading to a fundamental

change in the coastal ecosystem. "Five years after the heatwave, many cool water fishes, seaweeds and invertebrates have disappeared and been replaced by reef communities from more typical tropical regions."

Professor Wernberg said the kelp forests were a key element of

the ecosystem, like trees in a forest or corals on a coral reef.

"Kelp forests are the biological engine of Australia's Great Southern Reef, where they support globally unique temperate marine biodiversity, some of the most valuable fisheries in Australia and reef-related tourism worth over \$10 billion per year," he said.

Co-lead author Dr Scott Bennett, from the Spanish Research Council, said tropical grazing fish were seen only rarely in the region before the heatwave, but had proliferated.

"The impact has been particularly prominent at northern reefs, where kelp forests have disappeared completely," he said.

"Recovery is unlikely because of the large grazing pressure, continued warming and likelihood of more heatwaves in the future."

The research team, including scientists from CSIRO, WA Museum and overseas researchers, analysed data collected between 2001 and 2015 along 2000km of the West Australian coast.

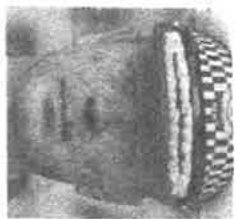


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CYNTHIA PERKINS
girl who's still
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Karl O'Callaghan

child refused to take responsibility for him.

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Leak's provocative cartoon depicted an indigenous policeman presenting an indigenous youth to his father in an outback setting and saying to the father: "You'll have to sit down and talk to your son about personal responsibility." The indigenous father replies: "Yeah right, what's his name then?"

The cartoon's critics have described Leak's work as a racist, hateful smear of indigenous parents. It has triggered an investigation by the Human Rights Commission under section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act.

Mr O'Callaghan said he did not consider the cartoon racist.

The 10-year-old boy had numerous convictions and was well-known to police, he said. Charged with burglary and vandalism of a store with another boy, the 10-year-old was also charged with damaging a school on another occasion.

He was found in the company of two 13-year-old boys — one believed to be indigenous — who have also been charged with causing \$100,000 in damage to Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community School last Saturday.

The two boys smashed every window in 24 new classrooms

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Leak 18C cartoon accurate: top cop

VICTORIA LEAKIE

West Australian Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan has cited the arrest this week of a 10-year-old boy in Kalgoorlie whose father refused to come and collect his son as evidence that Bill Leak's cartoon depicting a similar scene was not racist.

He says the cartoon mirrors the real-life case of the Aboriginal boy, whose father, when found by police, refused to come to the police station and take responsibility for his son. The boy's mother could not be found.

"From my perspective, Bill Leak's cartoon is actually an accurate reflection of what our officers see on a day-to-day basis, when they're dealing particularly with kids from Aboriginal communities or Aboriginal families who are in trouble," he said.

"The police ended up looking after that child for up to 12 hours trying to find a responsible adult, largely because the father of the

Life mirrors art: top cops says Leak 18C cartoon accurate

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that were officially opened the previous day, ripping out cabling, wrecking furniture and setting off fire extinguishers.

Mr O'Callaghan, who is a foster parent to two non-indigenous children, said it was "not uncommon" in West Australian regional towns and Perth's suburbs for a child in trouble with police, or found wandering the streets, to be taken back to a

parent but that parent refusing to take responsibility for the child.

"We take them back to the parent who often cannot care because they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or will not care," Mr O'Callaghan said. "They say 'I'm not interested, I don't want the responsibility, you sort it out'. I think what Bill Leak is saying in this cartoon is exactly that."

He stressed a lack of parenting was "not an exclusive problem of

the indigenous communities, but it's over-represented in those communities". In the case of the 10-year-old boy, police eventually called in crisis carers and child protection to find a place to put him. "We don't like to hold children in custody," Mr O'Callaghan said. "Eventually what you do is you go wider and wider out, looking for extended family, cousins, uncles and aunts."

Kalgoorlie residents are still reeling from a riot last month that

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Child Protection Minister Andrea Mitchell said last month

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To fix up the environment
We must have:

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above the interests of
The Harmony and Balance
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Who will grow the food when farmers can no longer be economically viable due to bad weather?

To protect us we have surrounded ourselves with an envelope of laws. The more people the more laws. That envelope has now been smashed by our own hand, creating global warming and climate change. The Five Horsemen will now ride into our homes, bringing with them the reality that 'only the strong survive'.

There is one other frightening aspect taking place right now. The growing monopoly of control of food, its inputs, distribution and sale. Supermarket chains are becoming larger and fewer. The biggest now handles in a year more food than Australia produces in a year.

You will see a marriage of supermarkets together with inputs such as processors, fertilisers, pesticides, organically modified plants and animals, plus the banks who will all screw down the price to contract farmers, this being their only outlet available. A world monopoly of enormous power and money. Food prices will rise.

Now you can see what our great entrepreneur Dick Smith is on about when encouraging Australians to support and buy our own food products and manufactured goods.

02/2013

***Local Supermarket price
peanut paste***

***Local & Imported contents
375gm \$5.49***

Made in China 375gm \$3.49

***China using cheap products and food as
a weapon to destroy the west.***

***Same for all cheaper poorer quality
imported food bankrupting Australian
farmers.***



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THERE IS NO LEADERSHIP

At this very moment 80% of all species upon our planet are migrating in a desperate attempt to survive global warming and probably the rest would if they could.

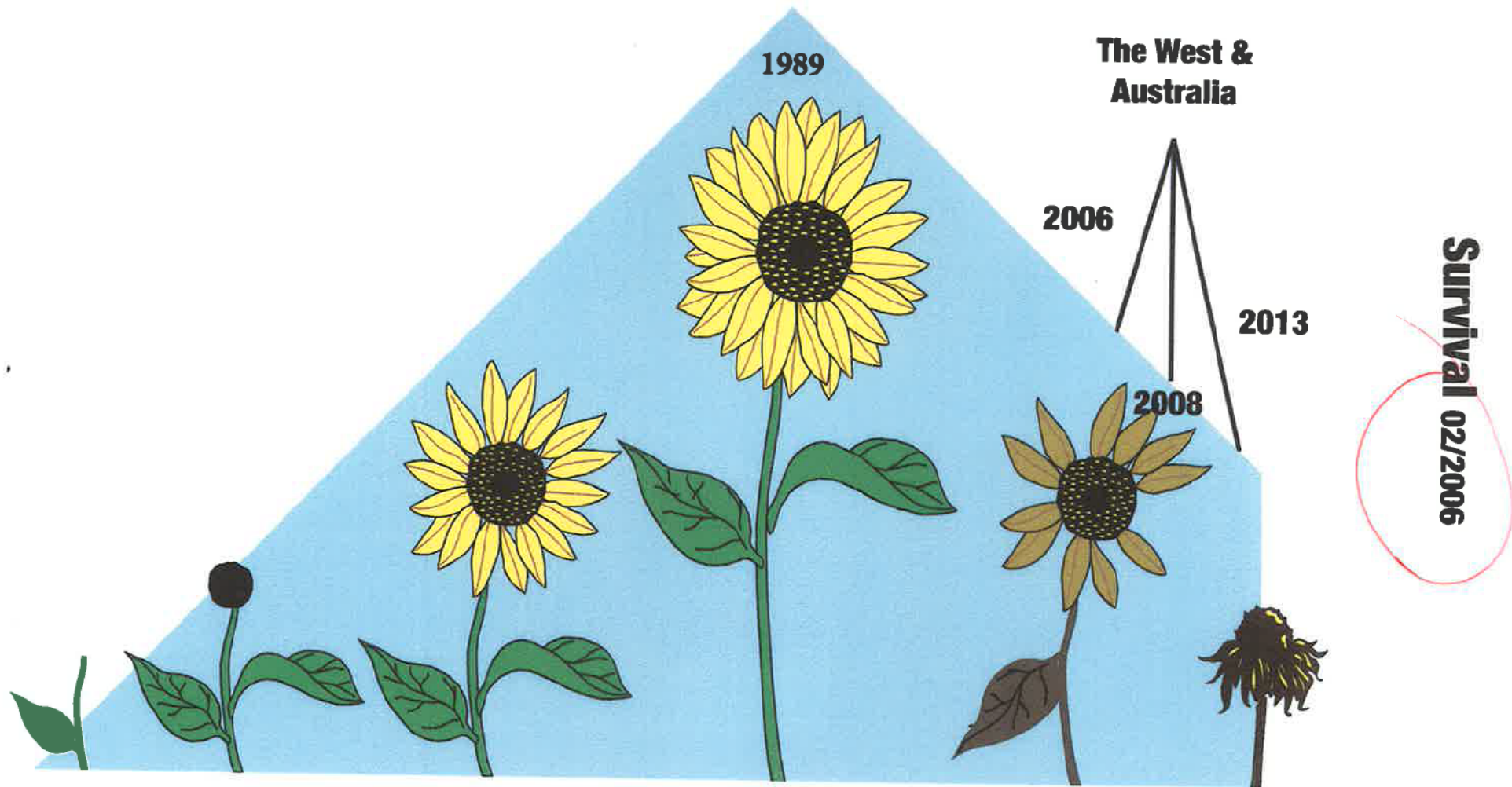
Only mankind in our ignorance and arrogance that we are above the laws of nature are standing still.



We are adrift in the violent seas of change with no one at the tiller

WHO man or woman will step up to lay an iron hand on the tiller of our good ship Australis and steer us into global warming survival mode?

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The rise and rise and rise and peak and decline of Christian Europe including Western Russia

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*Once upon a time,
not so long ago ...*



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1.6 BILLION**



**2000 AD
6.1 BILLION**



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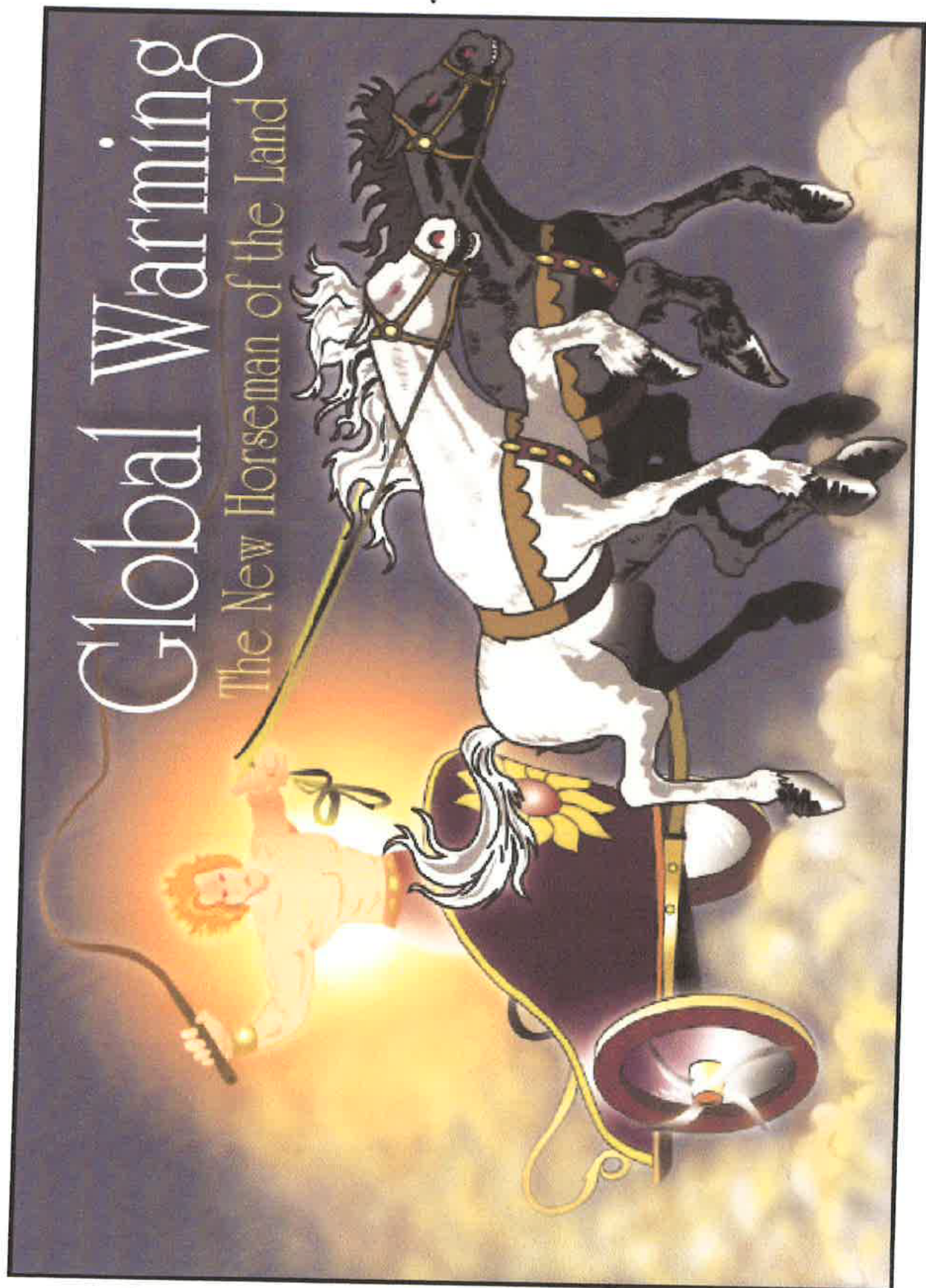
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The People are The Plague Upon our Planet

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The New Sixth man-made Horseman of the Apocalypse



Religious groups wary of Xi's call for 'unyielding Marxist atheists'

I will pay anyone who tips off corruptors - corruption

ROWAN CALLICK
CHINA CORRESPONDENT

Religious groups in China — where Christianity and Buddhism are growing especially strongly among young people — are starting to puzzle over how to meet the new requirement that they should “merge their doctrines with Chinese culture”, as instructed by President Xi Jinping at the ruling Communist Party’s annual review of its policy on religion.

He said at the meeting in Beijing, which was attended by six of the seven members of China’s peak ruling body, the Politburo Standing Committee — indicating that religion has climbed the hierarchy of Beijing’s concerns — that teenagers should be encouraged to form “a scientific outlook of the world”.

And communists, Mr Xi said, reminding them of a requirement since the party’s foundation almost 95 years ago, must act as “unyielding Marxist atheists, consolidate their faith, and bear in

mind the party’s tenets ... They must not seek their own values and beliefs from religions”.

Mr Xi’s own awareness of the power of religion is believed to have been heightened during his visit to the US seven months ago, which coincided with that of Pope Francis — who attracted considerably greater crowds, public interest and media excitement.

China’s government recognises five official religions — Buddhism, Islam, the traditional Chinese beliefs known as Taoism, and the state-recognised Patriotic Catholic and Protestant churches.

The latter is known as the Three-Self movement — self-supporting, self-propagating and self-governing — although like the other officially recognised religious groups, it is required to accept supervising governance, some funding, and training supervision from the state.

Li Guozhen, the abbot of the Taoist Zhenwu Temple in Datong, Shanxi province, responded to Mr Xi’s directions by announcing that all Taoist followers in the city



Xi Jinping

must learn his speech — and vowing that the role of Taoism and Buddhism in transmitting a “positive culture” implied a respect and trust from the national leadership that Taoists would not disabuse.

“We will take the route set by the party and the country and contribute to the development of Chinese socialism,” he said.

Politburo Standing Committee member Yu Zhengsheng, closing the meeting, told the large number of representatives present of the party’s central committee and of China’s legal, security, military and regional authorities, that “the key is to thoroughly study and

understand General Secretary Xi’s important speech, and accurately adhere to ... the new requirements on religious issues”.

It was unclear from official reports whether any representatives of approved religious groups were invited to participate in the meeting.

Mr Xi said religious faiths should interpret their doctrines “in a way that is conducive to modern China’s progress and in line with our excellent traditional culture” — referring to the party’s own flirtation with Confucianism as a channel for inserting values that had been eroded under Mao Zedong’s leadership.

Politics and religion must be separated, Mr Xi stressed. “In no way should religions interfere with government administration, judiciary and education.” Proselytisation by any religion is strictly banned.

He told his fellow party members “we should guide and educate the religious circle and their followers with the socialist core value”, so that they devote them-

selves to the aims of the party-state.

“We must resolutely guard against overseas infiltrations via religious means and prevent ideological infringement by extremists,” he warned, referring principally to Uighurs, who are mostly Muslim, seeking independence for the Xinjiang autonomous region in the country’s northwest.

From mid-April, people who provide information on either terrorism or on illegal religious activities — such as establishing a Muslim school — have been eligible for a \$1 million tip-off fee from the authorities in Xinjiang.

Under Mr Xi, the authorities in Wenzhou, a city in Zhejiang province that has become famous for the numbers both of its successful entrepreneurs and of its Christian followers — about a million people — have cracked down hard on the churches.

Since the drive started two years ago, the crosses on more than 1300 churches have been pulled off the buildings, allegedly

because they were “unsafe”, about 20 churches have been demolished and hundreds of followers have been held for questioning.

A popular Tibetan Buddhist blogger named Druklo, who uses the pen name Shokjang, has recently been jailed in Qinghai province, which contains a large Tibetan population, for three years for “instigating separatism”.

In a widely circulated letter appealing the sentence, he put his case in terms which illustrate the extent of potential differences of viewpoint between the authorities and members of such ethnic groups: “I have not written even a word of separatism, much less instigated it. If I write about an incident in which I suffered harm, and that becomes an unfounded accusation against me, and I write an appeal to the court about the incident, that does not make me a separatist.”

Nor, he said, do cultural disagreements, if they turn into political issues, make those who post about them on the internet into “splittists”.



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Trench fortifications around ~~the~~ island - one in central Auckland. Plain speaking on the root causes of delinquency

TALKING POINT

Kerryn Phol's article ("Detention footage points to parenting deficiency", 2/8) was astute in its analysis and courageous in its honesty. The issue is not, as she intimates, parenting deficiency in the abstract, but in the context of the breakdown of traditional tribal authority and norms combined with the abysmal failure of governments and their bureaucracies to seriously tackle community-building through such measures as economic development and integration and education, things we white fellas take for granted.

And the kids? I am reminded of the term "corrugated road kids" given to me by an Alice Springs community elder upon his hearing of the neurological impacts that chronic neglect and violence have upon the developing brain - destructively similar to the impact on the suspension of a family wagon driven recklessly over corrugated roads.

There are no quick fixes here. But until governments and institutions get serious there will be no fixes at all.
Tom Griffiths, St Kilda, Vic

Much has been written since the Four Corners program about detention in

the Northern Territory. However, Kerryn Phol's essay was by far the most intelligent and accurate in identifying the problem of poor or non-existent parenting of Aboriginal children with the inevitable results.
Ewan McLean, Avalon, NSW

I have visited rural and remote indigenous communities since 1972. I despair at the persistent and ongoing poverty, poor health, lack of housing and educational outcomes. I would like to know what positive outcomes have been achieved by the current mob of indigenous leaders, some of whom have been involved for over 30 years. They have certainly improved their positions and pay packets but have done little to improve the despair, poor health, poor education and the sense of hopelessness openly visible in these communities today. These leaders should be ashamed.
Tony Neale, Maryborough, Vic

Australia would be making a grave mistake by going down the treaty path in an attempt to make peace or ease its conscience regarding indigenous Australians. New Zealand has seen the Treaty of Waitangi the sub-

ject of endless judicial reinterpretation, to the extent that interpretations have been placed on it that couldn't have been further from the minds of the original signatories. Governments of both sides of politics have paid out many hundreds of millions of dollars in so-called full and final settlements only to have recipients front up time and time again demanding more money. These settlements have created Maori elites who have entered into often disastrous business endeavours, only to see the funds squandered, and nothing reaching those in need.

Finally, despite all the judicial interpretations placed on the treaty, and settlements paid, the position of Maoris in New Zealand has not improved one iota with Maoris filling all the top spots in areas of welfare dependency, alcohol abuse, child neglect and abuse, school drop out rates and rates of imprisonment. Change has to come from the bottom up, and treaties and "recognition" of the original occupants won't change a thing.
Mary Hackshaw, Northwood, Vic

I presume that one of the first witnesses newly appointed royal com-

missioner Mick Gooda calls will be himself - to explain what steps he took as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner to monitor the wellbeing of Aboriginal juvenile detainees in the Northern Territory, who had been the subject of reported mistreatment several times over recent years.
Paul Brewer, Toowoong, Qld

The royal commission into the Northern Territory's juvenile detention system will be a complete waste of time. Most of the findings and possible recommendations have been known and canvassed for years. On performance to date, neither Prime Minister Turnbull nor Opposition Leader Shorten have the capabilities to effect change, and commissioner Mick Gooda and the whole of the Aboriginal leadership have had extensive past opportunities to forcefully mandate proper improvements. And last but not least, those that think some sort of "treaty" will in any way assist in solving the serious, difficult, and dehumanising problem of Aboriginal disadvantage still believe in fairies and Father Christmas.
Peter M. Wargent, Mosman, NSW

Stuart Hall (Last Post, 2/8) can be assured that there were 25 prime ministers before Kevin Rudd, including some who served more than once. That means he goes down in history as our 26th PM. Tony Abbott takes the 28th spot, not Mr Rudd.
David Morrison, Springwood, NSW

There are among us, I know, those who understand the difference between "qualified" and "suitable". Such would include any rookie recruiter with half a brain though, apparently, not our twice-failed ex prime minister.
Philip Cooper, Yea, Vic

The world is not enough for Kevin Rudd.
Michael Dove, Ocean Reef, WA

I propose scholarships for the children of white Anglo-Saxon working and middle class gainfully employed heterosexual parents who are in a traditional marriage. I am sure by now they would qualify as a minority.
Peter Griffiths, Scarborough, Qld

That is terrific news that sexual orientation and behaviour can result in high school scholarships. Are there any scholarships for fornicators or is the whole thing discriminatory?
Peter Barnes, Reyesby, NSW

Ken Harvey (Last Post, 2/8), I will believe in freedom of speech if the letters editor prints any of my letters.
Chris Squelch, Townsville, Qld

sailing ship My family arrived Waitangi - Bay of Islands 1876 aboard Lancashire witch - rowed ashore - went to mission fort at Waimati. I lived on a farm within 150m of next Maori farm & others all around. This farm had a Pa or Iwi & my g/parents & self were invited to all weddings & funerals. School 50/50 Maori/Pakiha. Toddy same as Aus indigenous record.



Beware the false promise of 'treaty'

Such a course would only separate us further

GREG CRAVEN



There are times in any great cause when its destiny just swirls in the wind. Depending on the next gust, it can float upward or fall to the ground like so much historical litter.

Constitutional recognition of indigenous people has come to this point. After years of talk and tears, it has never seemed more desperately vulnerable.

Ironically, its greatest threat comes from the Left. Moves by states such as Victoria and South Australia to develop "treaties" between Aboriginal "nations" threaten to bypass genuine recognition in a flash of showy, self-conscious, moral ostentation. These moves mean nothing. They will deliver nothing. In legal, constitutional and political terms, they are nothing.

But just as they appeal to their non-indigenous sponsors as grandiloquent gestures into empty space, they appeal to a sizeable portion of indigenous Australia, and for completely different and utterly comprehensible reasons.

To many indigenous people, the notion of a treaty is the ultimate panacea. With bitter memories of a legal and constitutional system that has failed them in so many ways, a treaty would stand above and outside that system. For them, a treaty would straddle, not be part of, Australia's constitutional settlement.

As much is reflected in the use of the term nation. No longer could indigenous people be dismissed as an insignificant part of the wider

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Australian people. As nations, they could stand beside a coequal Australia, partners in dignity and sovereignty both. It is a deeply seductive proposition. And it is a fiction.

It certainly is true that states such as Victoria and South Australia can enter into agreements with groups of indigenous people. Those agreements can be given statutory force by acts of state parliaments, if this is desired. It even is the case that state legislation could refer to such agreements as treaties and their parties as nations. There is no constitutional prohibition against legislating untruth.

But no amount of wishful thinking will make these agreements treaties or their signatories nations, in law or reality, in the way many indigenous people desire. Nothing will produce the result that these agreements stand above our constitutional system, conferring on indigenous people that genuine quality of sovereignty, the unlimited capacity to enact one's own future.

All this can be proved in two very simple ways. Forever after the making of these treaties, they will be able to be changed, amended or abolished by simple legislation of the state parliaments that created them. Nations may be abolished by the stroke of the pen. If an act of the South Australian parliament were inconsistent with solemn treaty provisions, then however trivial, that act would prevail.

The situation is even more marked at commonwealth level. Not only could the Australian parliament legislate to abrogate treaty provisions or nation status but, to the extent that state-authorising legislation was inconsistent with commonwealth enactments, it would be unconstitutional.

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There potentially is an even bleaker constitutional prospect. There is the possibility that the High Court, confronted by the language of treaties and nations, would view the entire scheme as inconsistent with the existence of the federal polity created by the Constitution. But this is unlikely. More probable would be that the court would disdain to deal with these arrangements as the legal charade they would be.

One response to all this would be to acknowledge the legalities but ask whether some good would not be done in any event. Would it really be so bad if the dignity of indigenous people received much-needed reinforcement? If services and support flowed under treaties, would this not be a good thing?

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