

# Council for the National Interest

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## DECEMBER 2024 Newsletter

### Welcome Members and Supporters

We, at CNI, wish all Members and Supporters a very Happy Christmas season and a prosperous New Year blessed with good health and happiness.

We thank you all for your continued support of our commitment to build a better Australia for future generations.

The 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 Forum **Nuclear Energy on the Grid**, presented by **Keynote Speaker, Joanne Nova**, was well attended, was very informative and provoked many interesting questions which Joanne discussed.

### Next Forum:

**Topic:** Australian Values Under Threat

**Keynote Speaker:** Stephen Hurworth

**Date and Venue:** 16 February 2025, 2.30pm – 4.30pm at APIWA Clubrooms, rear 10 Mallard Way, Cannington, 6107 (off Albany Highway)

Doors open 1.30pm for coffee and socialising with bar open from 4.30pm for drinks and post presentation discussion and socializing.

This early advice will be followed by more details of the topic and keynote speaker to be issued in the New Year. We hope it will help Members and Supporters to plan to attend and to invite friends and associates to do so.

RSVP for catering purposes to [admin@cniwa.com.au](mailto:admin@cniwa.com.au) Free entry, Everyone Welcome.

Last minute decision to attend? No problem, plenty of seating capacity, register at the door.

### Activities

Since the July Newsletter, CNI has pursued a number of issues of national interest by correspondence, lobbying and petitions including:

#### Closing the Gap:

As advised in the July Newsletter, both the then Minister Hon Linda Burney and the Attorney General Hon Mark Dreyfus were not interested in authorizing a wide-ranging audit of the billions of dollars of taxpayers' funds spent in the north of Australia without achieving any real progress in many of the indigenous communities.

CNI kept Senator Jacinta Namijinpa Price, Coalition Shadow Minister for indigenous Affairs, who was instrumental in defeating the Voice referendum, informed.

Minister Burney retired and Senator Hon Malamdirri McCarthy was appointed Minister.

CNI immediately engaged with Minister Malamdirri McCarthy but we are still waiting for a response and are now following up.

#### Emissions Reduction:

Paul Murray wrote an article in The West Australian Newspaper on 12th October 2024, titled "*Bowens plans are a waste of energy*". CNI, the same day wrote to Paul Murray providing him with a wealth of information demonstrating the futility of the policy of NET-ZERO emissions of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) by 2050 being pursued by the Federal Labor Government as CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere of the Earth is necessary for plant, animal and ultimately, human life and is at very low levels.

## **Renewable Energy Programs**

The Yass Valley Council in New South Wales has been opposing strongly the application for approval of a solar farm in this beautiful part of the State.

Approval has now been given to a foreign owned company to establish a 182,000 panel solar farm in the Yass Valley.

The Yass Valley Council is seeking ways by which this approval can be cancelled.

CNI provided the Council with extensive information about the folly of the Government's 100% renewable energy policy using billions of dollars of taxpayers' money, destroying hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland and native bush and damaging the environment with the solar farms and wind farms and the thousands of kms of transmission lines which would be otherwise not needed.

All this damage when wind and solar cannot be relied upon to provide reliable and secure power whereas clean coal technology and gas provide the cheapest form of reliable energy and emit CO2 into the atmosphere to the benefit the nation and do NOT warm the Earth.

## **Food sector at tipping point:**

This the heading of an article which appeared in The Australian newspaper on 5 December 2024. CNI examined the article to learn that the 'tipping point' claim was based on a report "*The Land of Plenty*" prepared by the Australian Food and Agriculture Industry Taskforce. The Task force comprised 14 Chief Executives and Board Members from across agribusiness. The findings of the Taskforce had considerable validity and promoted a bipartisan strategy involving government and industry input and investment to transform Australia into a Food Superpower.

The sad aspect was that the Taskforce encouraged and supported strategies for achieving lower emissions of CO2 – even Net-Zero – when the irrefutable fact is, the more CO2 in the atmosphere the more abundant will be the growth of farmers, orchardists and market gardeners' crops provided there is adequate water and pest control.

CNI addressed these issues in a comprehensive letter to the Taskforce and now awaits a response.

## **Free Speech:**

Free speech is absolutely, critical to a Western democracy such as Australia. The Albanese Government attempted to pass into law the **Communications Legislation Amendment (Combating Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2024** (Bill).

CNI lodged a SUBMISSION to the Senate Committee pointing out, among other things that the Bill was a serious threat to Freedom of Speech.

For the information of Members and Supporters and friends and associates the CNI submission was accepted by the Inquiry Committee and registered as Submission 22 on the Inquiry Committee website. Formal advice on the CNI submission successful acceptance was received on 3 Oct 2024.

It was just one of a huge number of submissions and protests, against the Bill.

On 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024, Communications Minister, Michelle Rowland announced that the Bill was dead.

Whilst this is a victory for freedom of speech for Australia's everyday citizens, the future is uncertain and could depend on the outcome of the next Federal Election. Should Labor become a minority government relying on the vote of Greens members, there is no telling what the Greens might bargain and pressure to gain their own goals. Another, perhaps more serious issue is the Federal Racial Discrimination Act 1975 and "hate speech" legislation enacted in Queensland, Tasmania and the Northern Territory and being seriously considered in Victoria.

## Palestinian State Issue

20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024, by Ahron Shapiro, Australia-Israel-Review

On November 6, the *Sydney Morning Herald* and Melbourne's *Age* published an opinion piece by Foreign Minister Penny Wong titled "Australians are traumatised and deserve facts on Middle East horrors".

The piece, which chiefly recounted the various ways in which the Albanese Government has steered Australian foreign policy away from previous bipartisan support for Israel, **included a lot of questionable "facts"**. For instance, it cited as fact a Gaza death toll based on numbers served up by the Hamas-run 'Gaza Health Ministry' – numbers that are not only unverified, but that also make no differentiation between armed jihadists and non-combatants.

However, perhaps the most egregious non-fact offered by Senator Wong was her casual historical revisionism regarding the reason why the UN Partition Plan of 1947 (also known as UN General Assembly Resolution 181) failed to produce an Arab or Palestinian state alongside Israel (The plan recommended establishing a new '**Arab**' state, **Palestinians were not mentioned**. This did not happen because Jordan and Egypt grabbed the West Bank and Gaza).

The Foreign Minister wrote: The Middle East's contested history helps explain these divergent perspectives. Those who know the imperative of Israel for the Jewish people's survival. Who feel 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 as part of the long shadow of anti-semitism; the abomination of the Holocaust and millennia of Jewish persecution. And those who know the dispossession of the Palestinian people; the failure of the international community to honour the 1947 promise made for a Palestinian state when Israel was established. Who feel that the loss of Muslim and Arab lives has been too easily dismissed.

Senator Wong's understanding of the "contested history" in the Holy Land deserves to itself be contested. Her claim that the Palestinians were "promised" a state in 1947 but were **somehow thwarted is fiction**.

No such international "promise" was made to Palestinian Arabs in 1947 – or at any other time. Rather, the Palestinian Arabs and their Arab state allies placed the goal of preventing the Jews from having their own state far ahead of any national aspirations for self-determination.

**They did so before the partition plan, they did so immediately afterwards, and they have continued to do so ever since.**

The Foreign Minister should not take my word for it. She should instead open up parliamentary Hansard to April 28, 1948, and read what Australia's legendary ALP Foreign Minister of the time, H.V. "Doc" Evatt, said on the current events of the day. Harold Holt (Lib., Fawkner) asked Evatt, in light of the civil war that had erupted after the Arabs of Mandatory Palestine violently rejected the Partition Plan, "Is it still the policy of the Australian Government to support the Partition Plan for Palestine? Will he advise the House by what means it is proposed to enforce this policy?"

Evatt reminded Holt: The [General] Assembly is only a recommending body. It cannot order anything and it has no enforcement power of its own. By an overwhelming majority, the Assembly recommended the scheme known as partition.

John McEwen of the Australian Country Party then asked Evatt if, before Australia's vote in favour of Partition, the cabinet had been informed of "the announced intention of the Arab armies to commence war in such circumstances and of the concurrently announced intention of the Jewish armies also to fight?"

Evatt replied: It is perfectly true that when the United Nations was actually considering the problem of Palestine, the representative of what was called the Arab Higher Committee, that is the Palestinian Arabs, did publicly threaten the United Nations that if any solution was offered of which that Committee did not approve, it would attempt to overthrow its opponents by force. What has happened since [passage of the Partition Plan] is simply that the Palestinian Arabs and the Arab states surrounding Palestine have threatened to defeat the settlement plan by force. The method of enforcement that the United Nations General Assembly recommended to the Security Council was that the Jewish state within Palestine should be entitled to form its own militia and its own force.

Even Mahmoud Abbas has said of the Palestinian rejection of the 1947 Partition Plan that "it was our mistake." The facts are clear: Palestinians have only themselves to blame for rejecting repeated offers of statehood, not only from the UN in 1948, but from Israel in 2000, 2001 and 2008. And no "promise" was ever made to Palestinians that they could have a state even if they refuse to make peace.

Wong may be right that Australians, Israelis and Palestinians are all traumatised. Yet Palestinian leaders have the agency to end the cycle of trauma – by saying yes to making peace with Israel, and ending more than 80 years of prioritising Israel's destruction over their own self-determination.

## **The Whole Truth And The Problem With Truth Telling:(In 3 Volumes)**

A recent publication by Australian Research House in three volumes is a submission to the Yoorrook Royal Commission which is a compelling read for Australians concerned with the divisive effects of the Voice Referendum and its outcome. Each volume has an introductory phase before specific chapters as listed under:

Vol 1, Treatment of Women, Systemic Justice

Vol 2, Infanticide and Stolen Generations, Cannibalism, Revenge and Maiming, Deaths and Burials.

Vol 3, Frontier Deaths and Struggles, Ownership, Education and Closing the Gap.

Drawing on official journals back to the early days of settlement the information researched and presented goes to comprehensively refute much of what is claimed by the Aboriginal Industry and it's woke supporters. It is likely that the Whole Truth will get little exposure in mainstream media for fear of being labelled racist. Likewise, the Aboriginal Industry may very wisely not make any waves for fear of publicity stimulating public interest.

A pity because this publication demands inclusion in School Curriculums in order to correctly portray our Australian History.

The Differences between Truth Telling & Truth;

The opening of each volume goes to define "truth telling". Oxford Dictionary 1988 quotes:

"Recognition or acknowledgement of historical injustices affecting Australian and Torres Strait Islander people following the colonisation of Australia, and re-evaluation of the impact of the discrimination and often violent treatment they have faced since that time. Also, in extended use with reference to the indigenous peoples in other countries, including the Maori people of New Zealand." Under this passage the Oxford Dictionary also provides this definition of "Truth". "That which is true or in accordance with fact or reality."

Starting from this variation on truth the balance of the books leaves me astounded that anyone would wish to perpetuate the culture and embedded practices of nomads for whom the exigencies of survival, in an often-harsh environment, had led them to adopt.

Whilst there is no doubting that Aborigines have suffered some injustices since colonisation there is also clearly no doubt that collectively they are far better off and I defy anyone to find a single Aboriginal who would even contemplate resuming the life and privations of the pre-settlement era.

To purchase the The Whole Truth, online at <https://thewholetruth.au> one, or all three volumes.

Rick Hurst, 5 Dec 2024

## **Keep The Sheep: A Message from Rural Western Australia.**

Inserted is an advertising request for Western Australians to sign a very important petition to keep the sheep export trade alive. The Australian Labor Party, under Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, is intent upon banning the live sheep export industry in 2028, contributing to further loss of economic activity in rural Western Australia.

Governments are notorious for underestimating the economic damage they impose on the wealth creation segments of our rural and industrial activities. Self interest alone should convince voters that farmers feed the the nation.

The forthcoming Federal and State elections will become testing grounds for ensuring food production is at the forefront of self interest!