

## A BLEAK DAY FOR AUSTRALIA

“Class action against columnist Andrew Bolt succeeds in Federal Court.”

It is indeed a bleak day for Australia.

The self-serving, do-gooding, politically correct chattering classes have won in the Courts and have shut down free speech by limiting it to what a judge thinks is OK under the Racial Vilification laws.

Speech is not free if it is not free to offend.

These kinds of limitations may be argued, as they were by the judge in the case, as not closing down free speech, but that is just the usual legal niceties trotted out by the politically correct.

What these laws and such judgments do is create an atmosphere of intimidation such that any hard hitting article attempting to deal with such things as the aboriginal industry can only be undertaken,

1. After legal advice, and
2. By the very few rich enough to defend themselves in the courts after those allegedly offended, paid for by the taxpayers, can pursue them in loaded tribunals under loaded laws.

It can only be hoped that Andrew Bolt and News Limited appeal this disgraceful decision based on a bad law.

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