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EVIL TO TRIUMPH IS FOR GOOD
MEN TO DO NOTHING.

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Prime Minister / Opposition Leader:

I recently travelled to Canberra to visit some ex work colleagues and took the opportunity of visiting Parliament House to see and hear our elected representatives at work and I must say that I was extremely disappointed. I watched and listened to both of you and it reminded me of my two boys when they were 4 and 6 and squabbling over their toys.

I was appalled at this behaviour especially as it came from two supposed leaders of this great nation. What made the situation even more ludicrous was that this type of behaviour, comprising snide comments, jeering, vocal interjections, rude suggestions and name calling seemed to be the norm, not just for you and the Opposition Leader but for all of our so called elected representatives. It made me feel ashamed that I even took the time to visit Parliament House let alone vote for such people!

May I remind you that you and all of the elected Members are put into that place to ensure that the needs of the country, and its people, are at the forefront of business but it seems that you have all forgotten that little piece of trivia. From what I heard and saw it seems that everything you all say and do is all about "me", from what can I get out of this, will I get re-elected, how much money can I get out of this or that and how can I benefit from the current situation. Way back in the 1960's I remember an American President saying: **"Ask not what the country can do for you, but what can you do for your country"**. Perhaps you and your colleagues could think about that statement for a while and contemplate the meaning of it and act accordingly, because at present I can assure you that the majority of Australians do not think that either of you are doing a good job, quite the opposite.

I came to Australia in 1959 as a 9 year old as a **"Ten bob pom"** and was proud of that fact and I enjoyed my life here in this great country. As soon as I could I returned the favour by joining the Australian Defence Force and served in a number of capacities until 1995 when I retired. Unfortunately this great nation that I was (and still am) proud of is slowly becoming a fourth world (not third) country and is not the place that I fondly remember throughout my childhood. Australia was a great place to live bring up a family, work hard and enjoy the fruits of ones labours but it is not the same place anymore and it is really starting to worry me.

When I was growing up people got on, we helped each other during times of need and could rely on the Government to do the right thing, but that seems such a long time ago, a different place and a different culture to that which I see here today. The fabric of society is slowly being torn down and there is an ever widening gap between those that have and those that have not and now we even have another class, those that want everything but do not want to accept our way of life, culture, history, laws and beliefs.

You only have to look around today to see how this country has deteriorated:

- Our health system is shot;
- Our education system in turmoil;

- Our justice system under threat;
- Our Immigration laws are an international joke;
- Our Border Protection non-existent;
- Our Military under armed and treated like second class citizens by those in power who only think of them at Military funerals as a photo opportunity; and
- We allow our elderly to decay and die in poverty whilst at the same time giving money hand over fist to foreign countries that claim to be impoverished but who spend billions of dollars on state of the art weaponry to fight us, where is the logic in that?

Here in Western Australia we have an abundance of resources including natural gas, iron ore, gold you name it and we have it. In fact if it wasn't for WA Australia would have been in a bigger mess than it is now as a result of the global financial crisis. Unfortunately, much of these resources are owned by foreign investors such as China and the profits from all of these resources is also going off shore and we, the poor taxpayer, are left paying higher prices for almost everything. My wife and I recently returned from an overseas trip and I couldn't believe the prices of goods in Europe when compared to those in Australia. I could buy Australian made goods cheaper in London than I could here in Perth, what does that say for this country?

Now let us look at some Labor initiatives since coming into power and you wonder Julia why the Australian people are so cynical of what you and your colleagues stand for:

Ser	Initiative	Outcome
1	Carbon Tax	<i>“There will be no carbon tax under the Government that I lead”</i> – Good One Julia!
2	National Broadband Network	\$50 billion for what – another “white elephant”
3	Building the Education Revolution	The School Halls fiasco - ring a bell?
4	Home Insulation Plan	Death and destruction
5	Citizens Assembly	Too difficult - Dumped
6	Hospital Reform	Too difficult - Dumped
7	Digital Set Top Boxes – Seniors	Cheaper at Harvey Norman / Good Guys
8	Emissions Trading Scheme	Dirty business - Dumped
9	Mining Super Tax	Ongoing uncertainty – and why only Mining?
10	Indonesian Livestock Ban	Found to be based on false info – oops!
11	Detention Centres	5 Star Hotel accommodation while War Veterans, the Elderly and destitute die because they can't afford to eat or heat their homes
12	Malaysian Solution	Prior preparation and planning prevents poor performance – failed miserably
13	Computers in Schools	\$1.4 billion blow out – less than half delivered
14	Cutting Red Tape	58 repealed great but 12,835 new ones – oops!
15	Green Loans Program	Only 3.5% delivered - Abandoned
16	Solar Homes & Communities Plan	\$534 million blow out - Abandoned

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17	Solar Credits Scheme	Scaled back – insufficient planning
18	Childcare Centres	260 promised – 38 delivered – Scheme Abandoned
19	Reducing the Public Sector	24,000 more Public Servants employed
20	Murray – Darling Basin Plan	Oops, back to the drawing board
21	2020 Summit	Meaningless gabfest – went nowhere achieved nothing – cost money
22	Fuel Watch	Abandoned
23	Grocery Watch	Abandoned
24	Stimulus Package - \$900	Sent to people who were deceased and those that are living overseas – PPPPPP!
25	Solar Hot Water System Rebate	Abandoned – so much for going green!
26	Defence Family Healthcare Clinics	12 promised – none delivered
27	National Education Curriculum	States in an uproar over content – PPPPPP!
28	Indigenous Housing Program	Went nowhere – way behind schedule
29	Better Defence uniforms	Falling apart during trials – what happens when trying to do things on the cheap
30	New Submarine Fleet	Oops, none operational!

Oh and yes, we went from a massive \$90 billion Surplus to a \$250 billion Deficit paying for the above failures! And Tony, the past performance of the Liberal Coalition hasn't all been roses either.

One of the other biggest failures in Australian history is Multiculturalism and yet here in Australia we are told to embrace it as it defines our character, adds to the rich diversity of Australian life and enriches us all. What a load of bollocks!

Multiculturalism has failed in every country that has tried it but the Australian Labor Party knows better and will push it till the cows come home no matter what. Now don't get me wrong, I am not a red neck nor am I a racist, in fact I migrated here in 1959 and have married an Australian and we now have two boys, both Australians and both contributing to the economic success of this country (one is even teaching indigenous and refugee children in Leonora).

More importantly, I have lived and worked in countries that have been down the path of Multiculturalism and have seen the problems that arise when a Government pushes this particular barrow. You need examples of where Multiculturalism has failed? Then please read on:

- Islamic extremists are stepping up the creation of "no-go" areas in European cities that are off-limits to non-Muslims. Many of these "no-go" zones function as microstates governed by Islamic Sharia law. Host-country authorities effectively have lost control in these areas and in many instances are unable to provide even basic public aid such as police, fire fighting and ambulance services.

These "no-go" areas are the by-product of decades of multicultural policies that have encouraged Muslim immigrants to create parallel societies and remain segregated rather than become integrated into their European host nations.

- In Britain, a Muslim group called "Muslims Against the Crusades" has launched a campaign to turn twelve British cities – including what it calls "Londonistan" – into independent Islamic states. This so-called "Islamic Emirates Project" would function as autonomous enclaves ruled by Islamic Shari'a law and operate entirely outside British jurisprudence.

The Islamic Emirates Project names the British cities of Birmingham, Bradford, Derby, Dewsbury, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, Luton, Manchester, Sheffield, as well as Waltham Forest in northeast London and Tower Hamlets in East London as territories to be targeted for blanket Sharia rule.

In the Tower Hamlets area of East London (also known as the Islamic Republic of Tower Hamlets), for example, extremist Muslim preachers, called the "Tower Hamlets Taliban", regularly issue death threats to women who refuse to wear Islamic veils. Neighbourhood streets have been plastered with posters declaring "You are entering a Sharia controlled zone: Islamic rules enforced."

Street advertising deemed offensive by Muslims is regularly vandalized or blacked out with spray paint. In the Bury Park area of Luton, Muslims have been accused of "ethnic cleansing" by harassing non-Muslims to the point that many of them move out of Muslim neighbourhoods.

In the West Midlands, two Christian preachers have been accused of "hate crimes" for handing out gospel leaflets in a predominantly Muslim area of Birmingham.

In Leytonstone in east London, the Muslim extremist Abu Izzadeen heckled the former Home Secretary John Reid by saying: "How dare you come to a Muslim area."

- In France, large swaths of Muslim neighbourhoods are now considered "no-go" zones by French police. At last count, there are 751 Sensitive Urban Zones (Zones Urbaines Sensibles, ZUS), as they are euphemistically called. A complete list of the ZUS can be found on a French government website, complete with satellite maps and precise street demarcations.

An estimated 5 million Muslims live in the ZUS, parts of France over which the French state has lost control. Muslim immigrants are taking control of other parts of France too. In Paris and other French cities with high Muslim populations, such as Lyons, Marseilles and Toulouse, thousands of Muslims are closing off streets and sidewalks (and by extension, are closing down local businesses and trapping non-Muslim residents in their homes and offices) to accommodate overflowing crowds for Friday prayers.

Some mosques have also begun broadcasting sermons and chants of "Allahu Akbar" via loudspeakers into the streets. The weekly spectacles, which have been documented by dozens of videos posted on Youtube.com and which have been denounced as an "occupation without tanks or soldiers," have provoked anger and disbelief. But despite many public complaints, local authorities have declined to intervene because they are afraid of sparking riots.

- In the Belgian capital of Brussels (which is 20% Muslim), several immigrant neighbourhoods have become "no-go" zones for police officers, who frequently are pelted with rocks by Muslim youth.

In the Kuregem district of Brussels, which often resembles an urban war zone, police are forced to patrol the area with two police cars: one car to carry out the patrols and another car to prevent the first car from being attacked.

In the Molenbeek district of Brussels, police have been ordered not to drink coffee or eat a sandwich in public during the Islamic month of Ramadan.

- In Germany, Chief Police Commissioner Bernhard Witthaut, in an August 1 interview with the newspaper *Der Westen*, revealed that Muslim immigrants are imposing "no-go" zones in cities across Germany at an alarming rate.

The interviewer asked Witthaut: "Are there urban areas – for example in the Ruhr – districts and housing blocks that are "no-go areas," meaning that they can no longer be secured by the police?" Witthaut replied: "Every police commissioner and interior minister will deny it. But of course we know where we can go with the police car and where, even initially, only with the personnel carrier.

The reason is that our colleagues can no longer feel safe there in twos, and have to fear becoming the victim of a crime themselves. We know that these areas exist. Even worse: in these areas crimes no longer result in charges. They are left 'to themselves.' Only in the worst cases do we in the police learn anything about it. The power of the state is completely out of the picture."

- In Italy, Muslims have been commandeering the Piazza Venezia in Rome for public prayers. In Bologna, Muslims repeatedly have threatened to bomb the San Petronio cathedral because it contains a 600-year-old fresco inspired by Dante's *Inferno* which depicts Mohammed being tormented in hell.
- In the Netherlands, a Dutch court ordered the government to release to the public a politically incorrect list of 40 "no-go" zones in Holland. The top five Muslim problem neighbourhoods are in Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Utrecht.

The Kolenkit area in Amsterdam is the number one Muslim "problem district" in the country. The next three districts are in Rotterdam – Pendrecht, het Oude Noorden and Bloemhof. The Ondiep district in Utrecht is in the fifth position, followed by Rivierenwijk (Deventer), Spangen (Rotterdam), Oude Westen (Rotterdam), Heechterp/ Schieringen (Leeuwarden) and Noord-Oost (Maastricht).

- In Sweden, which has some of the most liberal immigration laws in Europe, large swaths of the southern city of Malmö – which is more than 25% Muslim – are "no-go" zones for non-Muslims. Fire and emergency workers, for example, refuse to enter Malmö's mostly Muslim Rosengård district without police escorts.

The male unemployment rate in Rosengård is estimated to be above 80%. When fire fighters attempted to put out a fire at Malmö's main mosque, they were attacked by stone throwers.

In the Swedish city of Gothenburg, Muslim youth have been hurling petrol bombs at police cars. In the city's Angered district, where more than 15 police cars have been destroyed, teenagers have also been pointing green lasers at the eyes of police officers, some of whom have been temporarily blinded. In Gothenburg's Backa district, youth have been throwing stones at patrolling officers. Gothenburg police have also been struggling to deal with the problem of Muslim teenagers burning cars and attacking emergency services in several areas of the city.

So if you think that this type of thing is not going to happen here in Australia as a direct result of Labor's cracked Multicultural Policies then you are day dreaming. We already have areas like Lakemba where Shari'a Law is allowed to operate and the Police and Emergency Services will not go for fear that they will be attacked or even killed by rampaging Muslim youth.

Now let's look at what you have both done (or not done) for the Defence Personnel of this nation through your inappropriate and badly managed policies.

Australia is a relatively small nation with an even smaller Defence force so we rely on support from other countries like Britain, New Zealand and the United States of America. All of whom have been our allies for many years having fought alongside each other in places like Gallipoli, the Western Front, North Africa, Italy, France, Greece, New Guinea, the Pacific, Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, East Timor, Iraq, Afghanistan and many other places, all in the name of peace and freedom.

Our soldiers go willingly to fight the oppressors alongside of our allies and some do not come home, instead they pay the ultimate sacrifice in defence of those characteristics mentioned previously, namely Peace, Freedom and Justice. Those that do come home are often scarred for life as a result of injuries received in battle including those that impact mentally. But what do you the Politicians do about those that come home injured? Absolutely nothing, except to front up at Military funerals in your Commonwealth supplied vehicles (uninvited) and then proclaim to the grieving family how sad it is but their Husband / Son / Father died for a worthy cause. Photos are taken and then you swan off somewhere else feeling good all over because you were seen at an important event but what about those that you have left behind who continue to grieve? It is all too simple, just forget about them in the hope that their grief will consume them and that they will somehow disappear and eventually be forgotten.

Unlike the Politicians Superannuation Scheme our Defence Force Members paid 5% of their salary into such a fund only to have Labor take it away and put it into Consolidated Revenue where it has since disappeared. The purchasing power of their Pensions has diminished rapidly over the years as a result of inept indexation fixed to the CPI when every other pension was moved to a better indexation system to reflect the true worth of the pension. I ask why was this the case, why, if it is good enough for the Members of the Defence Force to have their pensions (which they contributed to) to be indexed at the CPI but not good enough for you and your colleagues, those on the dole, the old age pension and the disability pension (many of whom are Immigrants who have never worked a day in their lives since coming to this country (et al Abdul Nacer Benbrika and his family). The Liberal Coalition had over 10 years to right this massive wrong but also failed miserably to do the right thing.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (and by default the Australian Government) has a program called "**Saluting Their Service**" now one would think that this means looking after our service men and women after they have served this great nation, but no, you would be wrong, very wrong indeed. The policies in place in respect of our Defence Force personnel has let them down and let them down badly and you have turned your backs on them. You had the opportunity in June to put things right and despite all of the reassurances to the contrary, your colleagues in the Senate denied justice to those that have served this nation well. You should be ashamed of yourselves, all of you.

We now come to the bane of my life, that insidious policy known as Political Correctness! I am not sure if either of you know this but men and women are different. They have different traits, strengths and weaknesses and some women are better at some things than others and so it is the same for men, but under PC we can't have that can we, oh no! We must banish all things that stereotype people, offend people, cause concern to people or even just upset people.

I was brought up in the 50's and 60's when we called a spade a spade. I learnt to open a door for a lady, offer a lady a seat, treat women with respect and to respect my elders. Over the years I have come to grips with changes whereby the sexes are paid the same for the same work (and rightly so) and I can honestly say that two of the best bosses I have ever had were both females and they were excellent at their jobs and I would work for them at any time.

I have also seen the opposite side of PC whereby people were thrown into positions because of their uniqueness / differences resulting in abject and dismal failure that not only destroyed the individual career of those so selected but also decimated the morale of the organisation to which they were appointed all in the name of Political Correctness!

As well as the above we seem to be bending over backwards to appease minority groups that only want to change the world in which we live to suit themselves and their beliefs. We change our culture, our way of life so that these people are not offended, well what if I am offended?

I get offended when:

- Religion is not allowed into schools (not that I am religious) nor is the Lord's Prayer said at assemblies because someone might get offended.
- Counsellors are rushed to schools when something bad happens. What about the parents of the students taking responsibility for talking to their children?
- Schools, shopping centres and Councils no longer allow Christmas decorations to be put up because someone may get offended. I would like to know how someone can be offended by pretty lights and decorations.
- Schools no longer celebrate Christmas for fear of offending someone.
- Councils close off swimming pools and beaches to males so that certain female minority groups can bathe in private. This is Australia for goodness sake, "A land girt by sea" and we have always swam in the ocean / pools as a group.
- I see children not standing for the National Anthem because they do not believe in it or it is against their religion. If they don't believe in it why come here in the first place?
- Schools want to change the National Anthem to suit their particular creed or belief or to appease minority groups who refuse to put Australia ahead of their own homeland.
- People who come here without identification and who pay thousands of dollars to corrupt Government officials in Indonesia then demand that we allow them into our country without the necessary health or criminal checks.
- People in Detention Centres can stage rooftop protests, set fire to buildings and destroy taxpayer funded property without fear of being charged or sent packing and then sue the Australian Government (People) for being detained and suffering mental anguish.
- The Government hands over hundreds of thousands of dollars to detainees to keep their minds active (PS3's etc.), telephone cards so that they can call home (and tell their families and friends how great it is here), internet, education, free medical and dental all while our Veterans and elderly are facing poverty and death as a result of increases in essential services.
- Government openly allows foreign laws to operate in this country such as Shari'a Law that is dispensed in places like Lakemba with the full knowledge and support of the local Council, State and Federal Governments.
- I see women wearing the Burqa out in public but I cannot wear my motorcycle helmet into a store or bank or a balaclava to keep my old head warm for fear of being pulled over by the Police to check to make sure that I am not a criminal or something.
- I am told that the Australian Flag that I fly in my backyard, the flag that I served under for nearly 30 years is offensive to one group of people who can see it from their own backyard but I am not allowed to complain about their style of dress, their refusal to learn English or to go and get a job (but I am on a disability pension and cannot work is the usual response).

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- I have to put up with every Government Hospital, Agency or Utility printing and providing information in almost every language known to mankind. In Australia we speak English, learn it and get over it.
 - Muslims come here with their three or four wives and collect benefits for the next 15 – 20 years without contributing to the economy of the country. I always thought that bigamy was illegal in Australia?

And I was certainly offended when I saw and heard Julia that your Government (read me the taxpayer) payed for flights from Christmas Island to the Eastern States, accommodation and bus charter for the survivors of that ill-fated boat which sank off the coast of Christmas Island so that the funerals could be attended by family members who live in those cities. I even believe that you took them on sightseeing tours at taxpayer expense no less! But at the same time you refused to pay for the airfare and accommodation for the very few remaining Vietnam Veterans of D Coy 6 RAR, they were the ones that fought at the Battle of Long Tan in which 18 Australian soldiers were killed by the way, when they were finally acknowledged by the Australian Government for their heroic actions on that day so many years ago.


I do not know about you but my priorities would have been with the Vietnam Veterans, not because I am one myself but because at the cessation of the war we were all treated like lepers by the Government (your Government Julia), RSL and politicians alike.

In my day to day activities I get to speak to a lot of people and the main topic of conversation is that this Government has lost the plot and the average Australian is quickly becoming a second class citizen in their own country because of the arrogance and ineptitude displayed by you our political leaders.

You both need to get out of your office more, leave your spin doctors and minders at home and come and talk to the real people of Australia and listen to what they are saying about this country. I will even extend to both of you an invitation to my place for an informal and totally unrehearsed and unbiased BBQ the next time you are both in WA (maybe not at the same time though) so that you can hear honest normal folk talk without the cameras, without the plethora of media officers and then perhaps you will understand what is happening to this great nation.

I know that I am probably talking to a brick wall because I have yet to meet a politician that is prepared to face an unbiased group of people and have an open and honest discussion, but I can but try. Instead of being a Politician for once in your lives, try to be a normal Australian and do the right thing for the people of Australia, oh and please do not get one of your minions to respond to this letter, if you cannot do it yourself then don't bother and I will put it down to political arrogance.

Yours sincerely,



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