

Ken Henry's Plans for You! (A "super tax" for everyone)

A careful study of Ken Henry, the Man, (and his words

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/henry-urges-wider-profits-tax/story-e6frg6nf-1225882484014> - see Ron Kitching's comments in regards to this article below)

Ron Kitching's Remarks:

There is no doubt that Dr. Grim's tax proposals will, if implemented, socialise Australian persons and businesses to the extent that they are nothing more than economic zombies and the possessions of the state. This really is a Fascist System that Henry envisages.

It seems quite fair to this Keynesian trained Bureaucrat, who has a totalitarian bent.

He is every bit as dangerous or even more dangerous than the late H. C. Coombs, who was the real dictator of economic and social policy from WW2 to the Keating government.

Henry sees it as his duty to dictatorially control what we call "the economy". The aims and ambitions of millions of entrepreneurs and individuals are of no concern to him whatsoever.

He is also dangerous to the extent that it was his recommendation to spend billions of dollars on the "stimulation" programme which Labor claimed shielded Australia and Australians from the collapse of the credit bubble.

What it actually has done is dramatically increase the size of the bubble which will end in an even greater bust as reality asserts itself.

And the maintenance of the 'bubble' automatically drains billions from the savings, superannuation and capital of all investors in the Nation. Everybody, including pensioners are secretly robbed by the stimulation induced inflation.

Perth based Mining Engineer, Mac Nichols has nick named Dr. Grim "Henry the Last." Let's hope Mac is right

and Mac Nichols' analysis is timely

Henry the Last

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I draw your attention to two articles ...

- <http://www.wabusinessnews.com.au/en-story/1/81373/Forrest-Henry-dispute-death-of-RSPT>

- <http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/newshome/7431640/tax-is-not-dead-henry/>

... and, per these articles, ask you to consider the following:

1. This fellow Henry is a bureaucratic pest:

He holds the unelected public servant position of Secretary to the Treasury of which a job description is below:

Ken Henry's Job description:

The Secretary to the Treasury is the Chief Bureaucrat of the Treasury Department. The Treasury Department is the executive agency responsible for promoting economic prosperity and ensuring the financial security of Australia . The Department is responsible for a wide range of activities such as advising the Treasurer on economic and financial issues, encouraging sustainable economic growth, and fostering improved governance in financial institutions. The Department of the Treasury operates and maintains systems that are critical to the nation's financial infrastructure, such as the production of coin and currency, the disbursement of payments to the Australian public, revenue collection, and the borrowing of funds necessary to run the federal government. The Department works with other federal agencies, foreign governments, and international financial institutions to **predict** and prevent economic and financial crises.

2. A life time student cum bureaucrat, here is our Secretary to the Treasure's entrepreneurial CV:

<http://www.treasury.gov.au/content/secretary.asp?ContentID=346&titl=Secretary%20o%20the%20Treasury>

This is clearly not a person who has experienced a lifetime of detailed private sector business dealings intimately. Neither is this person, as outlined, well balanced to make economic decisions that will impact all Australians and their supporting industries.

He is willing to guess and propose investment will increase in the Mining Sector by taxing profits to 59%.

He is willing to guess and increase our sovereign risk by making this tax retro-active on existing projects.

3. There is more though. He is also a supreme hydrologist capable of solving Australia's water problems:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/opinion/henry-doubts-humans-can-save-their-environment/story-e6frg9p6-1225848245602>

"Water management on this driest inhabited continent on earth has been a disgrace," says Henry, who previously has complained of Treasury being sidelined by the Howard Government's Murray-Darling water plan.

4. He is also an arch-environmental scientist and apparently a qualified psychologist:

"Even though we're human ourselves, we must surely wonder at the mental competence of a species that demonstrates such extraordinary time-inconsistency in its valuation of environmental amenity," Henry says.

5. It is important to note that he is a qualified economist cum interventionist and he was unable to predict the Global Financial Crisis or its ongoing affects.

6. This sounds familiar; perhaps some history is in order. Please note this excerpt from the Preface to Ludwig Von Mises' little masterpiece "Bureaucracy":

To the American mind the notion of an Obrigkeit, a government the authority of which is not derived from the people, was and is unknown. It is even extremely difficult to explain to a man for whom the writings of Milton and Paine, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Gettysburg Address are the fountain springs of political education, what this German term Obrigkeit implies and what an Obrigkeits-Staat is. Perhaps the two following quotations will help to elucidate the matter.

On January 15, 1838, the Prussian Minister of the Interior, G. A. R. von Rochow, declared in reply to a petition of citizens of a Prussian city: "It is not seemly for a subject to apply the yardstick of his wretched intellect to the acts of the Chief of the State and to arrogate to himself, in haughty insolence, a public judgment about their fairness. "This was in the days in which German liberalism challenged absolutism, and public opinion vehemently resented this piece of overbearing bureaucratic pretension.

Half a century later German liberalism was stone dead. The Kaiser's Sozialpolitik, the statist system of government interference with business and of aggressive nationalism, had supplanted it. Nobody minded when the Rector of the Imperial University of Strassburg quietly characterized the German system of government thus:

"Our officials . . . will never tolerate anybody's wresting the power from their hands, certainly not parliamentary majorities whom we know how to deal with in a masterly way. No kind of rule is endured so easily or accepted so gratefully as that of high-minded and highly educated civil servants. The German State is a State of the supremacy of officialdom-let us hope that it will remain so."

Such aphorisms could not be enunciated by any Australian. It could not happen here.

7. And it is very clear he is unhappy that the Treasury cannot intervene in all of our Australian industries via the CPRS:

This is not surprising though for he is a trained Keynesian Interventionist. Further, it would appear that whimsical bureaucratic taxation instead of impartial consumer driven profit and loss is what will be driving our markets in the near the future.

Please re-read the above quotes and articles keeping point 6 in mind.

Henry is perhaps the typical bureaucratic pest who "will never tolerate anybody's wresting the power from their hands". Per the below link, perhaps he should make his leave to Epping Forest permanent. That way he can live in eternal bliss with his northern hairy nosed wombats, they may enjoy his intervention in their private affairs.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/economy-second-wombats-first/story-e6frf0a0-1111116747986>

This is an election year.