

The State Neglects its Real Duties

The only rational need for giving a body of men/women a monopoly of coercion, that is a government, is to protect us from internal and external thugs.

But in order to engender the population to vote them into office, politicians descend to the chicanery of promising goods and or services to some, that the multitudes cannot claim.

Thus yesterday's news reveals that The Labor Party is planning to increase and also to decrease its spending.

Assistant Treasurer Chris Bowen says that, "we want to meet our commitment to pensioners and do as much as we can in other areas, that what's being in government is all about".

For many years promises regarding education and health have been the carrot. The experience to date has been a disaster in spite of the billions spent. These services have to be provided by people, and consumers are better served when the suppliers are impartially governed by the profit and loss system, not by faceless bureaucrats.

Now, politicians at home and abroad are stepping into other traditional free enterprise areas such as cars and housing. Again the profit and loss system is pushed into the background, as expensive taxpayer bureaucracies are created to service these needs.

Needs and wants are subjective and cannot be successfully provided by bureaucracies. The 74 years of Soviet Russia's experience showed the futility of that approach, yet it appeals still, to those who wish to receive free goods and to those who wish to dictate.

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