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THE AUSTRALIAN .FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS TREATED VOTERS AS "BRAIN DEAD"

(Attached)

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Referendum results

18th May, 1974

Question 4

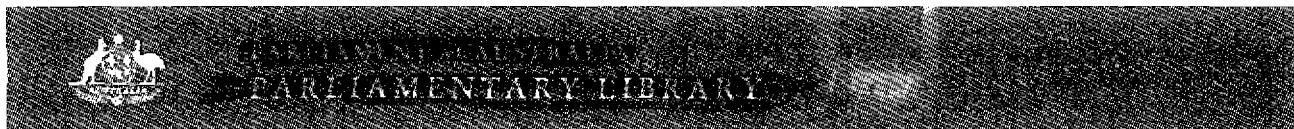
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Obtained majority in one State, an overall minority of 458,053 votes - Not Carried.

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(29) Simultaneous Ejections; (30) Mode of Altering the Constitution; (31) **Democratic Elections**; (32) i',.cocal GOVERNMENTtirlieS

Question 1

Proposed law entitled 'An Act to alter the Constitution so as to ensure that Senate elections are held at the same time as House of Representatives elections'.

Do you approve the proposed law?

House and Senate elections need not be held simultaneously, though they usually *are* *Constitution Alteration (Simultaneous Elections) 1974* proposed to make simultaneous elections compulsory.

Result

State	Number on rolls	Ballot papers issued	For	Against	Informal
New South Wales	2 834 558	2 702 903	1 359 485 51.06	1 303 117 48.94	40 301
Victoria	2 161 474	2 070 893	1 001 111 49.19	1 033 969 50.81	35 813
Queensland	1 154 762	1 098 401	481 092 44.32	604 444 55.68	12 865
South Australia	750 308	722 434	332 369 47.14	372 666 52.86	17 399
Western Australia	612 016	577 989	248 860 44.07	315 786 55.93	13 343
Tasmania	246 596	237 891	96 793 41.37	137 156 58.53	3 942
Total for Commonwealth	7 759 714	7 410 511	3 519 710 48.30	3 767 138 51.30	123 663

Obtained majority in one State and an overall minority of 247 428 votes.

Not carried

Question 2

*Proposed law entitled 'An Act to facilitate alterations to the Constitution and to allow electors in territories, as well as electors in the states, to vote at referendums on proposed laws to alter **the** Constitution'.*

Do you approve the proposed law?

Constitution Alteration (Node of Altering the Constitution) 1974 sought to make two alterations to section 128. The first was to provide electors in the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory with the right to vote in constitutional referendums. The second was to enable amendments to be made to the Constitution if approved by a majority of Australian voters and a majority of voters in half the States.

Result

State	Number on rolls	Ballot papers	For	Against	Informal
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	<i>issued</i>						
New South Wales	2 834 558	2 702 903	1 367 476	51.35	1 295 621	48.65	39 806
Victoria	2 161 474	2 070 893	1 001 753	49.22	1 033 486	50.78	35 654
Queensland	1 154 762	1 098 401	480 926	44.29	604 816	55.71	12 659
South Australia	750 308	722 434	311 954	44.26	392 691	55.74	17 589
Western Australia	612 016	577 989	240 134	42.53	324 435	57.47	13 420
Tasmania	246 596	237 891	95 264	40.72	138 674	59.28	3 953
Total for Commonwealth	7 759 714	7 410 511	3 497 507	47.99	3 789 923	52.01	123 081

Obtained majority in one State and an overall minority of 292 416 votes.

Not carried

Question 3

Proposed law entitled An Act to alter the Constitution so as to ensure that the members of the House of Representatives and of the parliaments of the states are chosen directly and democratically by the people'.

Do you approve the proposed law?

Constitution Alteration (Democratic Elections) 1974 sought to make population instead of electors the basis of determining the average size of electorates in each State.

Result

<i>State</i>	<i>Number on rolls</i>	<i>Ballot papers issued</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Informal</i>		
New South Wales	2 834 558	2 702 903	1 345 983	50.55	1 316 837	49.45	40 083
Victoria	2 161 474	2 474 893	970 943	47.71	1 064 023	52.29	35 967
Queensland	1 154 762	1 098 401	474 337	43.70	611 135	56.30	12 929
South Australia	750 308	722 434	310 839	44.11	393 857	55.89	17 738
Western Australia	612 016	577 989	241 946	42.86	322 587	57.14	13 456
Tasmania	246 596	237 891	95 463	40.81	138 430	59.19	3 998
Tote/ for Commonwealth	7 759 714	7 410 511	3 439 471	47.20	3 246 869	52.80	124 171

Obtained majority in one State and an overall minority of 407 398 votes.

Not carried

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Proposed law entitled 'An Act to alter the Constitution to enable the Commonwealth to borrow money for and to grant financial assistance to local government bodies'.

Do you approve the proposed law?

Constitution Alteration (Local Government Bodies) 2974 sought to give the Commonwealth Parliament powers to borrow money for and to make financial assistance grants directly to any local government body.

<i>State</i>	<i>Number on rolls</i>	<i>Ballot papers issued</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Informal</i>		
New South Wales	2 834 558	2 702 903	1 350 274	50.79	1 308 039	49.21	44 590
Victoria	2 161 474	2 070 893	961 664	47.38	1 068 120	52.62	41 109
Queensland	1 154 762	1 098 401	473 465	43.68	610 537	56.32	14 399

South Australia	750 308	722 434	298 489	42.52	403 479	57.48	20 466
Western Australia	612 016	577 989	229 337	40.67	334 529	59.33	14 123
Tasmania	246 596	237 891	93 495	40.03	140 073	59.97	4 323
Total for Commonwealth	7 759 714	7 410 511	3 406 724	46.85	3 864 777	53.15	139 010

Obtained a majority in one State and an overall majority 458 053 votes.:

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3rd September, 1988

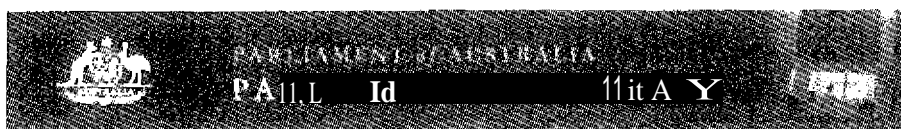
Question 3

A proposed law: To alter the Constitution to recognise local government.

Do you approve this proposed alteration?

The Constitution recognises government at the Commonwealth and State levels, but makes no mention of local government. Constitution Alteration (Local Government) 1988 sought to give such constitutional recognition to local government.

Obtained majority in No State and an overall minority of 3,084,678 votes. Not Carried



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3 September 1988

(35) Parliamentary Terms; (40) Fair Elections; (41) Local Government (42) Rights and Freedoms

Question

A Proposed Law: To alter the Constitution to provide for 4 year maximum terms for members of both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament.

Do you approve this proposed alteration?

Constitution Alteration (Parliamentary Terms) 1988 sought to increase House of Representatives terms from a maximum of three years to a maximum of four years, and to reduce Senate terms from a six-year fixed term to a four-year fixed term. It also sought to introduce simultaneous elections for the Houses.

Result

State	Number on rolls	Ballot papers Issued	For	Against	Informal
New South Wales	3 564 856	3 297 246	1 032 621 31.66	2 228 503 68.34	36 122
Victoria	2 697 096	2 491 183	586 125 36.20	1 561 759 63.50	43 296
Queensland	1 693 247	1 542 293	538 779 35.15	993 822 64.85	9 692
South Australia	937 974	873 511	229 938 26.76	629 454 73.24	14 119
Western Australia	926 636	845 209	255 556 30.67	577 555 69.33	12 098
Tasmania	302 324	282 785	70 698 25.34	208 297 74.65	3 790
Australian Capital Territory	166 131	149 128	64 458 43.62	83 328 56.38	1 342
Northern Territory	74 695	55 370	21 092 38.13	34 222 61.87	1 056
Total for Commonwealth	10 362 959	9 537 725	3 099 270 32.91	6 316 940 67.09	121 515

Obtained majority in no State and an overall minority of 3 217 670 votes,

Not carried

Question 2

A Proposed Law: To alter the Constitution to provide for fair and democratic parliamentary elections throughout Australia.

Do you approve this proposed alteration?

Constitution Alteration (Fair Elections) 1988 sought to ensure that democratic electoral arrangements would be guaranteed for Commonwealth, State and Territory elections.

Result

State	Number on rolls	Ballot papers	For	Against	Informal
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	<i>issued</i>		<i>duo</i>				
New South Wales	3 564 856	3 297 246	1 159 713	35.57	2 100 604	64.43	36 929
Victoria	2 697 096	2 491 133	981 508	40.12	1 465 119	59.88	44 556
Queensland	1 693 247	1 542 293	686 765	44.81	845 767	55.19	9 761
South Australia	937 974	873 511	263 006	30.61	596 102	69.39	14 403
Western Australia	926 636	845 209	266 639	32.02	566 145	67.98	12 425
Tasmania	302 324	282 785	80 608	28.89	198 372	71.11	3 805
Australian Capital Territory	166 131	149 128	76 815	51.99	70 937	48.01	1 376
Northern Territory	74 695	56 370	23 763	42.99	31 512	57.01	1 095
Total for Commonwealth	10 362 959	9 537 725	3 538 817	37.59	5 974 558	62.41	124 350

Obtained majority in no State and an overall minority of 2 335 741 votes.

Not carried

Question 3

A Proposed Law: To alter the Constitution to recognise local government.

Do you approve this proposed alteration?

The Constitution recognises government at the Commonwealth and State levels but makes no mention of local government. *Constitution Alteration (Local Government) 1988* sought to give such constitutional recognition to local government.

Result

<i>State</i>	<i>Number on rolls</i>	<i>Ballot papers issued</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Informal</i>
New South Wales	3 564 856	3 297 246	1 033 364 31.70	2 226 529 68.30	37 353
Victoria	2 697 096	2 491 183	882 020 36.06	1 563 957 63.94	45 206
Queensland	1 693 247	1 542 293	586 942 38.31	945 333 61.69	10 018
South Australia	937 974	873 511	256 421 29.85	602 499 70.15	14 591
Western Australia	926 636	845 209	247 830 29.76	584 863 70.24	12 516
Tasmania	302 324	282 785	76 707 27.50	202 214 72.50	3 864
Australian Capital Territory	166 131	149 128	58 755 39.78	88 945 60.22	1 428
Northern Territory	74 695	56 370	21 449 38.80	33 926 61.20	1 095
Total for Commonwealth	10 362 959	9 537 725	3 163 488 33.61	6 248 166 65.39	126 071

Obtained majority in no State and an overall minority of 3 084 678 votes.

Not carried

Question 4

A Proposed Law: To alter the Constitution to extend the right to trial by jury, to extend freedom of religion, and to ensure fair terms for persons whose property is acquired by any government.

Do you approve this proposed alteration?

Constitution Alteration (Rights and Freedoms) 1988 sought to guarantee various civil rights in relation to trials, freedom of religion and compulsory acquisition of property.

Result

<i>State</i>	<i>Number on rolls</i>	<i>Ballot papers</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Informal</i>
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PARLIAMENTARY HANDBOOK: REFERENDUM RESULTS 1999

6th November, 1999

Question 1

A Proposed Law: To alter the Constitution to establish the Commonwealth of Australia as a republic with the Queen and Governor-General being replaced by a President appointed by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Commonwealth Parliament.

Do you approve this proposed alteration?

Constitution Alteration (Establishment of Republic) 1999 sought to establish the Commonwealth of Australia as a republic with the Queen and Governor-General being replaced by a President appointed by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Commonwealth Parliament.

Obtained majority in No State and an overall minority of 1,137,763 votes. Not Carried.

The result of this Referendum legitimises all previous Referendum results as part of our Commonwealth Constitution.



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6 November 1999

(43) Establishment of Republic; (44) Preamble

Question 1

A Proposed Law: To alter the Constitution to establish the Commonwealth of Australia as a republic with the Queen and Governor-General being replaced by a President appointed by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Commonwealth Parliament.

Do you approve this proposed alteration?

Constitution Alteration (Establishment of Republic) 1999 sought to establish the Commonwealth of Australia as a republic with the Queen and Governor-General being replaced by a President appointed by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Commonwealth Parliament.

Result

State	Number on rolls	Ballot papers issued	For	Against	Informal
New South Wales	4 145 650	3 948 714	1 817 380 46A3	2 096 562 53.57	34 772
Victoria	3 163 934	3 016 737	1 489 536 49.84	1 499 138 50.16	28 063
Queensland	2 225 835	2 108 694	784 060 37.44	1 309 992 62.56	14 642
South Australia	1 027 535	986 394	425 869 43.57	551. 575 56.43	8 950
Western Australia	1 176 311	1 114 326	458 306 41.48	646 520 58.52	9 500
Tasmania	327 729	315 641	126 271 40.37	186 513 59.63	2 857
Australian Capital Territory	212 586	202 614	127.211 63.27	73 850 36.73	1 553
Northern Territory	108 149	91 880	44 391 48.77	46 637 51..23	852
Total for Commonwealth	12 337 729	11 785 000	5 273 024 45.13	6 410 787 54.37	101 139

Obtained majority in no State and an overall minority of 1 137 763 votes.

Not carried

Question 2

A Proposed Law: To alter the Constitution to insert a preamble.

Do you approve this proposed alteration?

Constitution Alteration (Preamble) 1999 sought to alter the Constitution to insert an additional preamble.

Result

State	Number on rolls	Ballot papers issued	For	Against	Informal

THE RESULT OF THIS REFERENDUM IN 1999 - LEGITIMISES THE
PREVIOUS REFERENDUM RESULTS.

IT IS APPARENT THAT FEDERAL, STATE AND TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENTS
HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF BREACHING SECTION 12812 AND SECTION 109 OF
THE COMMONWEALTH (AUSTRALIAN) CONSTITUTION, AND SECTION 5 OF
THE FEDERAL CRIMES ACT, ONCE THE 1974 AND 1988 REFERENDUM
RESULTS WERE DECLARED.

**ATTORNEY-GENERAL LETTER TO KEVIN THOMPSON
FROM THE HON. ROBERT McCLELLAND MP.**

(Attached) Letter dated 8th July, 2010.

(Attached) Chapter

Alteration of the Constitution 128.22. This is the relevant part to the Attorney-General's response to Kevin Thompson.



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Mr Kevin Thompson
PO Box 216
Brunswick Heads-
NSW 2483

Dear Mr Thompson

I refer to your letter received on 10 June 2010 regarding the 1988 referendum.

In 1988, four proposals to amend the Constitution were put to voters in accordance with section 128 of the Constitution. One of those, proposals sought to give constitutional recognition to local government but the Proposal was not adopted:

The Constitution does not currently recognise local government. Any change to the Constitution to recognise local government would need to be approved by voters at a referendum. The Government will continue to explore reform, including constitutional recognition, to facilitate cooperation with local government

Yours sincerely

Robert McClelland

CHAPTER VIII

ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

Mode of altering the Constitution

128.22 This Constitution shall not be altered except in the following manner:

The proposed law for the alteration thereof must be passed by an absolute majority of each House of the Parliament, and not less than two nor more than six months after its passage through both Houses the proposed law shall be submitted in each State and Territory to the electors qualified to vote for the election of members of the House of Representatives.

But if either House passes any such proposed law by an absolute majority, and the other House rejects or fails to pass it, or passes it with any amendment to which the first-mentioned House will not agree, and if after an interval of three months the first-mentioned House in the same or the next session again passes the proposed law by an absolute majority with or without any amendment which has been made or agreed to by the other House, and such other House rejects or fails to pass it or passes it with any amendment to which the first-mentioned House will not agree, the Governor-General may submit the proposed law as last proposed by the first-mentioned House, and either with or without any amendments subsequently agreed to by both Houses, to the electors in each State and Territory qualified to vote for the election of the House of Representatives.

When a proposed law is submitted to the electors the vote shall be taken in such manner as the Parliament prescribes. But until the qualification of electors of members of the House of Representatives becomes uniform throughout the Commonwealth, only one-half the electors voting for and against the proposed law shall be counted in any State in which adult suffrage prevails.

And if in a majority of the States a majority of the electors voting approve the proposed law, and if a majority of all the electors voting also approve the proposed law, it shall be presented to the Governor-General for the Queen's assent.

The Constitution

No alteration diminishing the proportionate representation of any State in either House of the Parliament, or the minimum number of representatives of a State in the House of Representatives, or increasing, diminishing, or otherwise altering the limits of the State or in any manner affecting the provisions of the constitution in relation thereto, shall become law unless the majority of the electors voting in that State approve the proposed law..

In this section, "Territory" means any territory referred to in section one hundred and twenty-two of this Constitution in respect of which there is in force a law allowing its representation in the House of Representatives.

theroduction to the Report

Background

On November 5 2003 a Public InqUiry, convened pursuant to Section 740 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act), was announced into Liverpool City Council.

Section 740 of the Act empowers the Governor or the Minister to appoint a person as Commissioner, to hold a Public Inquiry and to report to the Governor or the Minister, relevantly, with respect to:

Any matter relating to the carrying out of the provisions of the Act or any other act conferring or imposing functions on a council, and

Any act or omission of a member of a council, any employee of a council or any person elected or appointed to any office or position under the iict or any other act conferring or imposing functions on a council, being an act or omission relating to the carrying out of the provisions of the act concerned, or to the office or position held by the member, employee or person under the act concerned, or to the functions of that office or position.

The Act incorporates certain powers, which are given to commissioners, under the Royal Commissions Act 1923.

Terms of Reference

In announcing the Inquiry, the Minister for Local Government, the Honourable Tony Kelly MLC outlined its terms of reference.

These terms established the parameters for the Inquiry

The Terms of Reference provided for the conduct of a wide-ranging inquiry into the affairs of the council, involving the conduct of the Councillors as the Elected Body, and also of the council staff and council's operations, as comprising the Corporate Body.

The Terms of Reference are set out below:

To inquire, report and make any appropriate recommendations regarding Liverpool City Council.

The Inquiry will have particular regard but is not limited to the following.

the conduct of the Councillors as the Elected Body, and also of the council staff and council's operations, as comprising the Corporate Body.

From the day the result of the Bob Hawke Referendum, asking Australian voters did they want local Councils to be recognised as local government, was defeated in every State, any legislation made pertaining to local government after September 3, 1988, was illegal and unconstitutional.

THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES TREAT AUSTRALIAN RESIDENT/RATE PAYERS AS "BRAIN DEAD"

Australian resident/ratepayers are double-taxed in that we pay State taxes for the maintenance for roads, pavements and bus shelters - exactly the same reason we are charged Council and Shire rates.

It is worth noting that those who pay rent are themselves "*de facto*" ratepayers, as their landlords incorporate their rates into the rent. When Council and Shire rates rise, so do rents.

Per head of population, Australia is the most over governed country in the developed world, as well as being the most highly taxed country worldwide.

The following legal precedent from a High Court decision is proof that Councils and Shires, with the support of the Federal and State governments, have been treating the Australian resident/ratepayers as being "brain dead."

In the Matter of Rankston City Council v Rankston Pty. Ltd. (2005 HCA46) Their Honours GLEESON C.J., HAYNES and CALLINAN J.J., stated: "The Appellant (the Council) is a body corporate constituted as a council."

Although the High Court recognised councils were constituted as such, it does not alter the fact they are a body corporate.

As a body corporate, Council and Shires cannot perform the following:

- (1) AS A GOVERNMENT, AND IMPOSE TAXATION.
- (2) AS LAWMAKERS, AND IMPOSE FINES.
- (3) AS A PROPERTY VALUER OR PROPERTY AGENTS.
- (4) AS A BUSINESS OR ENTERPRISE.
- (5) AS INVESTMENT BODIES FOR THE RATEPAYERS.
- (6) IMPLEMENTING PENALTIES FOR OVERDUE RATES.

Regardless of who you speak to, whether they represent the Labor Party (ALP), the Coalition-Liberal-Nationals or the Greens, they refute that Councils and Shires are body corporates.

What these major political parties are protecting is their financial members' political aspirations, who begin their careers as councillors, paid for by the resident/ratepayers.

Further evidence was made public in the Liverpool City Council Public Enquiry Report on November 5, 2003.

Terms of Reference:

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These terms established the parameters for the Enquiry. The Terms of Reference provided for the conduct of a wide-ranging enquiry into the affairs of the council, involving

CANTERBURY COUNCIL

\$14.5 million trapped in idle investments

CANTERBURY COUNCIL general manager Jim Montague has described the state of the council's coffers as "positive" despite it having \$14.5 million trapped in idle investments.

As of January 31, 2012, almost 40 per cent of the council's \$38 million investment portfolio is tied up in options that have not, and will not, earn it a cent. Many of these interests have been held over a period of five years or more.

The state of a further \$4.5 million of the council's investment portfolio remains subject to the fall-out of the global financial crisis. The council's strategy is to wait until these affected options, mostly 'capital protected' investments or 'collateral debt obligations', reach maturity and then to recoup its initial investment.

In a statement provided to *The Express*, Mr. Montague said the council expected to redeem several investments that reach maturity over the coming year - two of these, with a combined value of \$2 million, will mature in the first week of March.

"Like all organisations council has not been immune from the effects of the GFC," he said. Mr.. Montague would not comment on how the council's financial portfolio had affected the council's operations.

CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN EXPRESS, Tuesday, March 6, 2012

100 AGENCIES FACING \$2b BLACK HOLE

Gosford Council has \$135.5 million in total investments, most of which were managed by Lehman, but the face value of the CDOs and notes is \$74 million. The CDO and note exposure of Hastings Council is \$45 million from total investments of \$80 million. Wingecarribee Shire Council's is \$32 million from \$59 million and Sutherland's is \$55 million, from \$123 million.

Although Lehman Brothers is the biggest player in this CDO market, other banks also had a significant presence (the accompanying table only represents the Lehman funds under management post the credit meltdown — the figures may have changed in recent months). While the collective exposure to Lehman may be less than \$2 billion there are hundreds of millions of dollars in CDOs and other structured finance products that have been sold by other investment banks and promoters.

Even if 50 per cent of the face value of these derivative investments could be recovered, the likely losses across the country from structured finance products may reach \$2 billion.

The Cole report into local government exposure to CDOs and related instruments in NSW found that the book value of highly structured credit products was \$590 million and that the exposure to "capital guaranteed" products (also considered to be riskier than they sound) was \$450 million from the total of \$4.64 billion in total investments among the 152 councils in NSW.

Further to the Cole findings, the "Federation" CDO series sold by Lehman/Grange had already declined 85 per cent in face value as of January this year. NSW councils, the report found, were down collectively \$320 million on book value. Many held more than 45 per cent of their assets in CDOs and FRNs. That was in January. Since then, global investment product writedowns have more than doubled. Moreover, the valuations are considered conservative, as investors were in many cases guided by the product promoters.

The first NSW council to take legal action has been Wingecarribee, in the Southern Highlands. Piper Alderman, the law firm that is acting in the matter, has signed up 22 other councils in a class action.

Lehman Brothers declined to field specific questions but said it did not know about the class action and was presently defending a single action from Wingecarribee Council.

"Lehman Brothers will vigorously defend any legal proceedings commenced where we do not feel there is merit. Lehman Brothers denies the claims Wingecarribee Council has made in its statement of claim filed with the Federal Court."

Documents seen by BusinessDay confirm the exposure to CDOs is nationwide. Charles Sturt and Griffith universities, the Australian National University, Open Universities Australia and the University of Western Australia are all exposed,

There have been few buyers for CDOs and similar structured finance products since the subprime meltdown began this time last year, sending global financial markets - into a tailspin.

Who bought the products are four universities, dozens of Superannuation funds, ambulance services, the St Vincent De Paul Society, the Starlight Children's foundation, the Iloilo Charity for underprivileged children, and the Anglican, Baptist, Uniting and Catholic churches.

Gosford Council, on the Central Coast, is sifting on a \$74 million portfolio of CDOs and "structured finance" products, Newcastle Council \$39 million, Coimbatore \$39 million and Sutherland \$55 million. NSW and Western Australia are the states most affected, followed by Victoria, South Australia and to a lesser extent Queensland. Investment rules require councils to invest via the Queensland Treasury.

National Australia Bank announced last month it was writing down the value of its CDO portfolio by \$1.1 billion, or 90 per cent, having deemed there was a high probability of a loss on and thereby conceding they will incur losses. Their problem is that the market for CDOs no longer exists there are no buyers, although many councils claim their CDOs are still producing income and therefore remain a viable investment. ...

While the exposure of NSW councils was the subject of an inquiry earlier this year by the chairman of Platinum Asset Management, Michael Cole, the extent of the exposure of other state and local governments, and charities, superannuation funds, churches and other organisations has until now been unknown. The list is long (see smh.com.au/business) and ranges from co-ops, teachers' union, credit unions, nursing homes, retirement villages and hospitals to listed public companies and state agencies.

COUNCILS INVESTMENT LOSSES DURING 2008/09

The following list acquired from ASX and consist mainly of ratepayers funds.

Name of Council Entity	Amount \$millions
Albury	\$3
Ashfield	\$1.5
Auburn	\$12.5
Bellarine	\$10.7
Bland Shire	\$5.65
Blayney	\$1.5
Blue Mountains	\$11.3
Broken Hill	\$4.5
Burwood	\$3.9
Cabonne	\$3.2
Canterbury	\$3.5
City of Albany	\$6.4
City of Botany Bay	\$3.2
City of Canada Bay	\$4.5
Geraldton	\$3.5
Bendigo	\$9
Melville	\$42
Swan	\$16.8
Coffs Harbour	\$8.7
Corowa	\$3
Deniliquin	\$1.9

East Gippsland	\$9
Eurobodalla	\$10
Gilgandra	\$2
Gippsland shire	\$11.5
Gosford	\$120
Great Lakes	\$3.5
Shepparton	\$6.5
Griffith	\$3.95
Guyra	\$4.6
Hobson Bay	\$3
Hornsby	\$3.5
Hume	\$10.9
Hurstville	\$25.5
Inverell	\$6.8
Kiama	\$8.2
Leeton	\$4.7
Leichhardt	\$8
Lismore	\$7.4
Liverpool plains	2.5

Note: The majority of these councils investment of ratepayers funds were not made public until this report was exposed by a print media investigation

In 2011 councils took a class action out against their financial institutions, And after a long legal case they received around .38c /\$ settlement. Some councils received less that .6c/\$.

Councils continue to press state government for rate increases well above inflation, with very little accountability. The implementation of Agenda 21

IS I.C.A.C. A PROTECTIONIST AGENCY FOR OUR N.S.W. ELECTED MEMBERS TO PARLIAMENT AND LOCAL COUNCILS AND THEIR BUREAUCRATS?

The Independent Commission Against Corruption (I.C.A.C.) was created in the late 1980's in what appears to be a taxpayer-funded Agency which seems to protect the elected Members of Parliament and Local Councils and their Bureaucrats from prosecution.

A perfect example of this appears in the following article, "Great council corruption rip-off: inquiry hears how fencing goods takes on a whole new meaning." In the article, Mr. Steve Campbell S.C., counsel assisting I.C.A.C. in October 2011 stated that the three public hearings could not possibly cover the 110 organizations listed, so I.C.A.C. had chosen organizations whose officials had received gifts of the highest value.

The I.C.A.C. in its Operation Jarek, which began in 2008, has uncovered apparent corruption involving 110 organizations, including 88 Councils. This evaluates to 14 Councils facing I.C.A.C. and 74 Councils having escaped prosecution. Whether public servants accept a \$100 bribe or a multi-thousand dollar bribe, it is a criminal offence, and therefore they should be named and shamed.

Just stop and consider that I.C.A.C.'s success, in having corrupt politicians and bureaucrats convicted and incarcerated, is less than a handful since their agency was created!

A perfect example of I.C.A.C.'s failure is Liverpool Council being sacked by the N.S.W. Local Government Minister, Tony Kelly, in March 2004 over the Council's inability to solve Liverpool's problems, as well as its bungling of the \$900 million Oasis Development in Sydney's southwest. It is estimated that the Council lost \$30 million in ratepayers' money.

The Oasis Project was a deal between the Liverpool Council, Macquarie Bank and the Canterbury Bulldogs Rugby League Club, and was stopped after it fell under scrutiny from the Independent Commission Against Corruption (I.C.A.C.) for financial mismanagement.

The Liverpool Council was sacked, but I.C.A.C. once again failed to secure any indictments.

The most-asked question regarding the Oasis project: Is it possible that the involvement of I.C.A.C. Commissioner Irene Moss' husband, Alan Moss, who was C.E.O. of the Macquarie Bank, may be the reason that no charges were laid?

When you take into account that Mr. Steve Campbell SC, counsel assisting failed to take action against 74 Councils in 2011, in which I.C.A.C. had uncovered apparent corruption, makes many N.S.W. taxpayers believe that the money given to I.C.A.C. should be diverted, to increase the funding of our State Police, and that I.C.A.C. be abolished IMMEDIATELY.

In other words, when public servants receive bribes or commit fraudulent acts, they should be investigated, and if there is sufficient evidence, be charged by the N.S.W. Police.

The major political parties must stop treating the taxpayers of N.S.W. as "brain dead", and give us value for our dollars.

Great council corruption rip-off: inquiry hears how fencing goods takes on a whole new meaning

October 4, 2011

Liquorland gift vouchers, Driza-Bone jackets, DVD players and Harvey Norman vouchers were given to officials as inducements by one company, a corruption inquiry was told today.

One council paid for enough safety mesh to line the Great Western Highway between Bathurst and Sydney both ways - even though it was never delivered.

And "one not-very-senior public official" managed to cost one council more than \$1.4 million through corrupt conduct.

These are just three of the instances which emerged today as the Independent Commission Against Corruption began public hearings into one of its most extensive investigations in more than 20 years.

Mr Campbell said the public hearings, which are due to last three weeks, could not possibly cover the 110 organisations listed so ICAC had chosen organisations whose officials had received gifts of the highest cash value.

The 15 were: Ballina Shire Council, Bathurst Regional Council, Broken Hill City Council, Burwood Council, Byron Shire Council, the City of Botany, Lithgow City Council, Liverpool City Council, Narrandera Shire Council, Orange City Council, the Roads & Traffic Authority, council of the City of Sydney, Walgett Shire Council, Waverley Council and Yass Valley Council.

Bathurst Regional Council paid invoices for safety mesh totalling 444.55 kilometres between 2006 and 2008, enough to line the Great Western Highway between Bathurst and Sydney both ways, counsel told the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) today.

The problem was that none of that safety mesh was delivered and the invoices were false, part of a corrupt scheme whereby the council was ripped off to the tune of \$757,000, said Mr Steve Campbell, SC, counsel assisting ICAC.

The ICAC, in its Operation Jarek, which began in 2008, has uncovered apparent corruption involving 110 organisations including 88 councils.

Mr Campbell told David Ipp, QC, the ICAC commissioner, that several companies which supplied items such as safety mesh, gloves, hard hats, safety equipment and other commodities had adopted an apparent practice of greasing the palms of council officers responsible for the buying.

In one case, involving Geoff Hadley, a former senior employee in the Bathurst Regional Council depot and a supplier named Robert Newman, the corrupt arrangement had got right out of hand, ICAC heard.

Mr Newman had not delivered goods in many cases. Fake purchase orders and invoices had been created to cheat council. In other cases there had been undersupply and overcharging.

Following a police investigation, Hadley and Newman were convicted and were in jail and each had pleaded guilty to his part in defrauding council of \$757,467.15, "a figure that must have completely appalled the people of Bathurst, indeed the people of New South Wales", Mr Campbell said.

"The commission has good reason to believe that the total value of Hadley's fraud is an outstanding \$1,423,861.92.

"It takes a while to sink in - \$1,423,861.92 of public money lost due to the corrupt conduct of one not-very-senior public official and involving as many as five suppliers in private enterprise over a five-year period from 2004 to 2009."

Mr Campbell said that Newman, through Pinnacle Traders Pty Ltd, a business entity with which he was associated, had made a similar corrupt arrangement with Kerry Smith, a supply officer at Yass Valley Council.

"We propose to establish that, between April 2006 and December 2008, he received kickbacks totalling \$18,128.14 in respect to 15 invoices amounting to \$139,026.27."

Mr Campbell said that three suppliers would be involved in evidence, those being- Hilindi Pty Ltd, trading as R & R Tape Supplies; Momar Australia Ply Ltd; and NCH Australia Pty Ltd.

"The evidence will reveal a business model where sales staff were encouraged to build relationships with the buyer - the employee responsible for procurement - rather than the customer being the organisation," he said.

"Obtaining a sale and securing further orders are the driving force of the model. Gifts are stepped in a sliding scale: the bigger the order the bigger the gift."

AAP reports: A sales representative told the inquiry his company gave government officials kickbacks to induce them to buy goods.

Liquorland gift vouchers, Driza-Bone jackets, DVD players, and Harvey Norman vouchers were handed over to establish customer loyalty, said Martin Slade, a sales representative for the wholesaler R&R Tape.

Mr Slade told the inquiry about a conversation he had with Bob Wayne, from Byron Shire Council.

He said Mr Wayne had asked "What's in it for me?" when he called him to ask if he was interested in buying boxes of safety gloves.

"And what was in it for him?" counsel assisting the commissioner, Steve Campbell, SC, asked.

"A hundred dollars worth of vouchers," Mr Slade replied.

The commission heard the company would often have to sell products at a higher price, or not offer a discount on goods, in order to cover the cost of the kickbacks.

These kickbacks were outlined in a series of "freebies books" from 2000 to 2009.

"It was the done thing, so I just carried on," Mr Slade said.

He said sales representatives would check with buyers whether they wanted gifts sent to the home or office.

Asked whether he discussed it with management, Mr Slade replied: "We never discussed the ethics of it, no".

The hearing continues.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA CONSTITUTION ACT OPERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS 5.

The Premier Law of Australia is the Commonwealth Constitution.

A Referendum's Proposed Law becomes Law, regardless of whether the vote is carried, or not carried.

Any State or Territorial Government who voted in legislation under the Local Government Act, from the time the result of the September 3rd, 1988, Referendum result was declared, made their legislation illegal and unconstitutional. Because the Commonwealth Constitution is Australia's Premier Law, the aforementioned State and Territorial legislation is in breach of **Section 109, which reads:**

Inconsistency of Laws.

When a law of a State is inconsistent with a law of the Commonwealth, the latter shall prevail, and the former shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be invalid.

The elected members of Parliament who are expected to legislate our laws, both State and Federal, have failed to uphold the legislation of laws by their predecessors.

The only legal way to alter the Constitution is to ask the sovereign people of Australia to vote by way of a Referendum. In fact, Local Councils and Shires Australia-wide have been operating with no legal authority.

Operation of the Constitution and Laws.

5. This Act, and all laws made by the Parliament of the Commonwealth under the Constitution, shall be binding on the courts, judges, and people of every State and of every part of the Commonwealth, notwithstanding anything in the laws of any State; and the laws of the Commonwealth shall be in force on all British ships, the Queen's ships of war excepted, whose first port of clearance and whose port of destination are in the Commonwealth.

POLITICAL FORESIGHT

Back in 1944 U.S. congressman Samuel Pettingill warned that communism would help America spend itself INTO BANKRUPTCY and was striving to get Americans to become TOTALLY DEPENDANT on a Centralised Government.

In his speech Petingill gave his fellow members of the U.S. House of Representatives the 12 points of the Socialist manifesto for the-destructionvf free government. See if this pattern he spoke of is familiar to the political white anting of Australia.

"The people must be made to feel their utter helplessness and their inability to solve their own problems. While in this state of mind, there is help up before them, a benign and all-wise to whom they must look for the cure of all of their ills."

The principle of local self-government must be wiped out so that this leader of group in control can *have* all the political power readily at hand.

Constitutional guarantees must be swept aside. This is accomplished in part by ridiculing them as outmoded and an obstruction to progress.

Public faith in the legal profession and respect for the courts must be undermined.

The law making body must be intimidated and from time to time rebuked, so as to prevent the development of public confidence in it.

Economically, the people must be ground down by high taxes, which under one pretext or another they are called upon to pay. Thus they are brought to a common level and all income above a meagre living is taken from them. In this manner, economic independence is kept to a minimum.

Disarm the citizens so they cannot fight back.

A great pubic debt must be built up, so that the citizens can never escape its burden, making government the virtual receiver for the entire nation.

A general distrust of private business and industry must be kept alive so that the public may not begin to rely upon its own resources.

Government bureaus are to be set up, to control practically every phase of the citizen's life.

The education of the youth of the nation is taken under control, so that all may be inoculated at an early age, with a spirit of submission to the system.

To supplement and fortify all the foregoing, there is kept a steady stream of Government propaganda to extol all that bow and kneel to vilify those who dare to raise a voice of dissent.

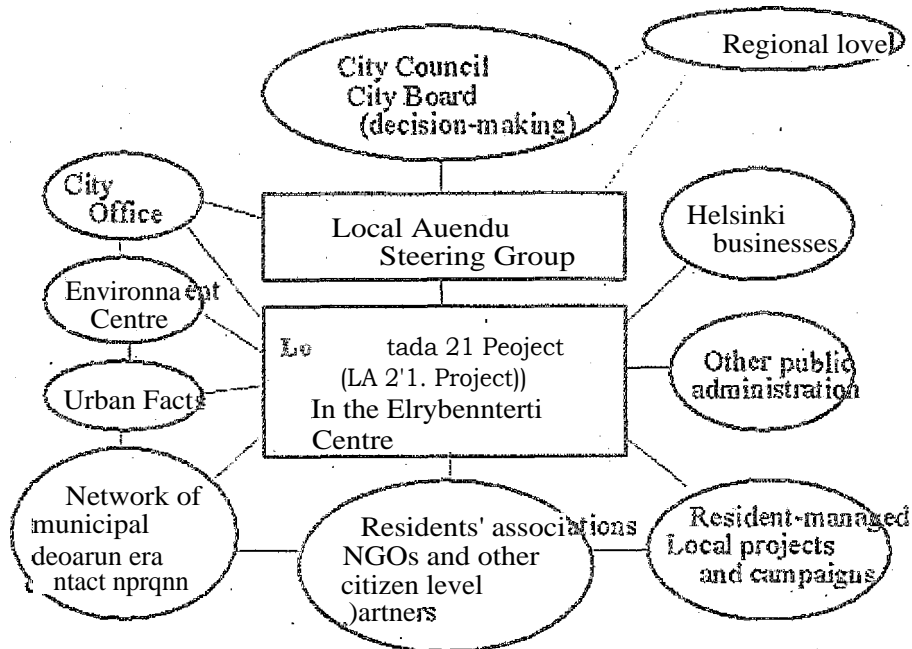
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Agenda 21 for Dummies



Agenda 21 In One Easy Lesson

Awareness of Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development is racing across the nation as citizens in community after community are learning what their city planners are actually up to. As awareness grows, I am receiving more and more calls for tools to help activists fight back. Many complain that elected officials just won't read detailed reports or watch long videos. "Can you give us something that is quick, and easy to read that we can hand out," I'm asked.

So here it is. A one page, quick description of Agenda 21 that fits on one page. I've also included for the back side of your hand out a list of quotes for the perpetrators of Agenda 21 that should back up my brief descriptions.

A word of caution, use this as a starter kit, but do not allow it to be your only knowledge of this very complex subject. To kill it you have to know the facts. Research, know your details; discover the NGO players in your community; identify who is victimized by the policies and recruit them to your fight; and then kill Agenda 21. That's how it must be done. The information below is only your first step. Happy hunting.

What is Sustainable Development?

According to its authors, the objective of sustainable development is to integrate economic, social and environmental policies in order to achieve reduced consumption, social equity, and the preservation and restoration of biodiversity. Sustainablists insist that every societal decision be based on environmental impact, focusing on three components; global land use, global education, and global population control and reduction.

Social Equity (Social in justice)

Social justice is described as the right and opportunity of all people "to benefit equally from the resources afforded us by society and the environment." Redistribution of wealth. Private property is a social injustice since not everyone can build wealth from it. National sovereignty is a social injustice. Universal health care is a social injustice. All part of Agenda 21 policy.

Economic Prosperity

Public Private Partnerships (PPP). Special dealings between government and certain, chosen corporations which get tax breaks, grants and the government's power of Eminent Domain to implement sustainable policy. Government-sanctioned monopolies.

Local Sustainable Development policies

Smart Growth, Wildlands Project, Resilient Cities, Regional Visioning Projects, STAR Sustainable Communities, Green jobs, Green Building Codes, "Going Green," Alternative Energy, Local Visioning, facilitators, regional planning, historic preservation, conservation easements, development rights, sustainable farming, comprehensive planning, growth management, consensus.

Who is behind it?

ICLEI — Local Governments for Sustainability (formally, International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives). Communities pay ICLEI dues to provide "local" community plans, software, training, etc. Addition groups include American Planning Council, The Renaissance Planning Group, International City/ County Management Group, aided by US Mayors Conference, National Governors Association, National League of Cities, National Association of County Administrators and many more private organizations and official government agencies. Foundation and government grants drive the process.

Where did it originate?

The term Sustainable Development Was first introduced to the world in the pages a 1987 report (Our Common Future) produced by the United Nations World Commission on Environmental and Development, authored by Gro Harlem Brundtland, VP of the World Socialist Party. The term was first offered as official UN policy in 1992, in a document called UN Sustainable Development Agenda 21, issued at the UN's Earth Summit, today referred to simply as Agenda 21.

What gives Agenda 21 Ruling Authority?

More than 178 nations adopted Agenda 21 as official policy during a signing ceremony at the Earth Summit. US president George H.W. Bush signed the document for the US. In signing, each nation pledge to adopt the goals of Agenda 21. In 1995, President Bill Clinton, in compliance with Agenda 21, signed Executive Order #12858 to create the President's Council on Sustainable Development in order to "harmonize" US environmental policy with UN directives as outlined in Agenda 21. The EO directed all agencies of the Federal Government to work with state and local community governments in a joint effort "reinvent" government using the guidelines outlined in Agenda 21. As a result, with the assistance of groups like ICLEI, Sustainable Development is now emerging as government policy in every town, county and state in the nation.

Revealing Quotes From the Planners

"Agenda 21 proposes an array of actions which are intended to be implemented by EVERY person on Earth...it calls for specific changes in the activities of ALL people... Effective execution of Agenda 21 will REQUIRE a profound reorientation of ALL humans, unlike anything the world has ever experienced...
" **Agenda 21: The Earth Summit Strategy to Save Our Planet (Earthpress, 1993). Emphases — DR**

Urgent to implement — but we don't know what it is!

"The realities of life on our planet dictate that continued economic development as we know it cannot be sustained...Sustainable development, therefore is a program of action for local and global economic reform — a program that has yet to be fully defined." **The Local Agenda 21 Planning Guide, published by ICLEI, 1996.**

"No one fully understands how or even, if sustainable development can be achieved; however, there is growing consensus that it must be accomplished at the local level if it is ever to be achieved on a global basis." **The Local Agenda 21 Planning Guide, published by ICLEI, 1996.**

Agenda 21 and Private Property

"Land...cannot be treated as an ordinary asset, controlled by individuals and subject to the pressures and inefficiencies of the market. Private land ownership is also a principal instrument of accumulation and concentration of wealth, therefore contributes to social injustice." **From the report from the 1976 UN's Habitat I Conference.**

"Private land use decisions are often driven by strong economic incentives that result in several ecological and aesthetic consequences...The key to overcoming it is through public policy, .." **Report from the President's Council on Sustainable Development, page 112.**

"Current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle class - involving high meat intake, use of fossil fuels, appliances, home and work air conditioning, and suburban housing are not sustainable." **Maurice Strong, Secretary General of the UN's Earth Summit, 1992.**

Reinvention of Government

"We need a new collaborative decision process that leads to better decisions, more rapid change, and more sensible use of human, natural and financial resources in achieving our goals." **Report from the President's Council on Sustainable Development**

"Individual rights will have to take a back seat to the collective." **Harvey Ruvin, Vice Chairman, ICLEI. The Wildlands Project**

"We must make this place an insecure and inhospitable place for Capitalists and their projects — we must reclaim the roads and plowed lands, halt dam construction, tear down existing dams, free shackled rivers and return to wilderness millions of tens of millions of acres or presently settled land." **Dave Foreman, Earth First.**

What is not sustainable?

Ski runs, grazing of livestock, plowing of soil, building fences, industry, single family homes, paves and tarred roads, logging activities, dams and reservoirs, power line construction, and economic systems that fail to set proper value on the environment." UN's Biodiversity Assessment Report.

Hide Agenda 21's UN roots from the people

"Participating in a UN advocated planning process would very likely bring out many of the conspiracy- fixated groups and individuals in our society... This segment of our society who fear 'one-world government' and a UN invasion of the United States through which our individual freedom would be stripped away would actively work to defeat any elected official who joined the conspiracy' by undertaking LA21. So we call our process something else, such as comprehensive planning, growth management or smart growth."

J. Gary Lawrence, advisor to President Clinton's Council on Sustainable Development.

Australia and Agenda 21 - The Timeline

By US Correspondent Cherie Zaslowsky

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Our cities are being radically, aggressively altered according to the "Sustainable Development" plan, which is inflicting "Smart Growth" aka: "New Urbanism," on our tranquil suburban communities. The claim is that we must change our lives, give up driving, and live in crowded multi-use buildings by train and bus lines, in order to save the planet from the scourge of global warming. Al Gore warned us of the dire effects of global warming in his 2006 film *An Inconvenient Truth*. This film was later found incorrect in many of its claims. Ref to facts contained on voiceofthepeoplelobbygroup.com click> updates Feb/2008 part one. However, major principles of "Sustainability" and its source, the United Nations' Agenda for the 21st Century (aka: Agenda 21) were introduced as early as 1976 in the United Nations' document: The Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements and the Vancouver Action Plan, as seen from the following quote:

"Land... cannot be treated as an ordinary asset, controlled by individuals and subject to the pressures and inefficiencies of the market. Private land ownership is also a principal instrument of accumulation and concentration of wealth and therefore contributes to social injustice..."

Not only was this 30 years prior to the global warming hysteria, but at that time, scientists were asserting that the climate was cooling. Also recall that Agenda 21, which calls for what Al Gore has since termed a "wrenching transformation" of America, was unveiled in 1992, and incorporated into American governmental machinery in 1993, via Clinton's President's Council on Sustainability. This radical agenda was adopted in America a full 13 years before the UN's IPCC released its famous (or infamous, depending on one's perspective) study claiming to prove the existence of catastrophic manmade global warming. In other words, the "Sustainability" agenda, which calls for governmental and, by extension, international control of land, natural resources, food, water, energy, cars, housing and more, in America, was drawn up many years before global warming hit the decks as a rationale for the program. The cart came before the horse. And now we are asked to believe that the already debunked and always highly controversial hypothesis of catastrophic anthropogenic global warming is reason enough for us to sacrifice our homes, our lands, our property, our rights, our way of life, and our country. Notice too that "global warming" morphed into "climate change", presumably because people were noticing the world was not getting hotter. And then, since the "climate" i.e. weather, is always changing, the buzzword morphed again, into "climate reality," presumably because one cannot argue against "reality." The hysteria increased with the emotionally charged term "climate deniers,"

conjuring up the moral perfidy of holocaust deniers, and ratcheting up the whole bogus theory to the level of religious dogma which relies on faith. All of this, of course, is the opposite of hard science. Perhaps that's why 20,000+ legitimate, non-UN-sponsored scientists have not only debunked the flawed theory that was based on flawed computer modeling, but have also expressed outrage at this parody of science.

In short, the "Sustainability" plan is about power and control, not about the weather. It is a plan by and for the elitist 1% who seek to dominate and exploit the 99% in an unprecedented global power play masquerading as humanitarian environmentalism. It would bring about the greatest transfer of wealth in human history, from us to them.

Who are some of these great environmentalists? Are they living in modest hovels and riding their bicycles to keep their "carbon footprints" down? Or living in crowded Smart Growth stack-and-pack condos along rail corridors? doubt if this profile, prescribed for the 99%, will be followed by the chieftains of Sustainability: billionaires Maurice Strong; Al Gore, Mikhail Gorbachev, and George Soros, among others.

In the US the facts are , Al Gore, Obama, a host of Goldman Sachs heavy hitters, and George Soros (through connections with the Joyce Foundation), have already lined up to profit off the 99 percenters' misery, by creating the Chicago Climate Exchange with which to make a predicted \$10 trillion a year from our planned crippling carbon taxes. But wouldn't this system cause energy rates to go down? Then-Presidential Candidate Barack Obama stated: "Under my plan of a cap-and-trade system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket." Ah yes, to discourage the 99% from using heat, air-conditioning, stoves, or light bulbs. And to provide great profits for. .take a guess.

The elite US multinational powerbrokers, financiers and billionaires who run the country behind the scenes, want to switch from the war machine they've used to fatten their coffers all these years, to a 'peace economy'; while this sounds good at first, they long since made plans to substitute a created global catastrophe for war, so they can continue to exploit and control the masses. They've said as much in several of their publications, including the Club of Rome's *The First Global Revolution*.

Whether you follow the money or follow the science, it becomes all too clear that the 1% is out to own the world and everyone and everything in it. This is the New World Order, and this is why we need to fight every aspect of Agenda 21/Sustainable Development, including: Smart Growth, the Grand Boulevard Initiative, Climate Action Plans, Carbon Taxes, Cap-and-Trade.

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