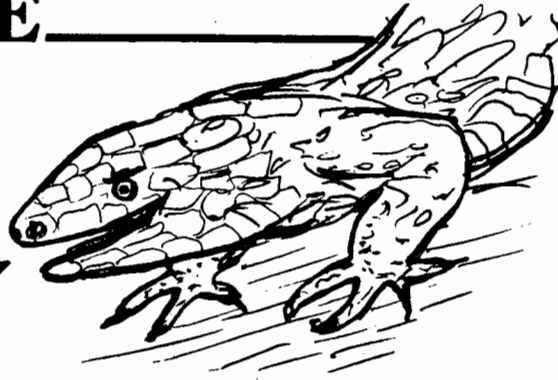


HOW TO VOTE



“.....on this world, the people are people. The leaders are lizards. The people hate the lizards & the lizards rule the people.”

“Odd,” said Arthur, “I though you said it was a democracy.”

“I did ” said Ford, “It is.”

“So,” said Arthur, hoping he wasn’t sounding ridiculously obtuse, “why don’t people get rid of the lizards?”

“It honestly doesn’t occur to them,” said Ford. “They’ve all got the vote, so they all pretty much assume that the government they’ve voted in more or less approximates to the government they want.”

“You mean they actually vote for the lizards?”

“Oh yes,” said Ford with a shrug, “of course.”

“But,” said Arthur, going for the big one again, “why?”

“Because if they didn’t vote for a lizard,” said Ford, “The wrong lizard might get in. Got any gin?”

From the 4th book in the Hitchhikers trilogy where Ford & Arthur discuss intergalactic parliamentary politics

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- 1 Support the Accord and cut real wages and living standards
- 2 Deregister the B.L.F. and keep unions in their place
- 3 Support I.D. cards
- 4 Oppose Aboriginal Land Rights
- 5 Send Women back into the home

(But wring your hands & bleat about how you wish they had better policies.)

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See above, but do it with a happy, confident feeling.

– IF YOU ARE AFRAID THE LIBERALS MIGHT GET IN :

VOTE LABOR

– IF YOU ARE AFRAID THE LIBERALS ARE ALREADY IN :

**** DON'T VOTE!

We couldn't think of anything to say about the Democrats

Bring Down the Labor Government

We are not going to tell you how reactionary the ALP government is because you already know. But we will tell you why we are planning a campaign to bring about the defeat of this government.

The only argument we have ever heard to vote Labor is that The Liberals are worse. We agree. But the mere fact that one lot is a bit worse is no reason to support one over the other.

If the Liberals were in power they would :

- * cut real wages and living standards
- * deregister the B.L.F. and keep unions in their place
- * oppose land rights
- * support I.D. cards
- * send women back to domestic slavery through cuts in child care and jail for those women who attempt to maintain their independence from parttime work because of the starvation level "Supporting pension"

But isn't this what the ALP is doing right now?

You can't fight unless you are willing to identify and destroy your enemy. Most campaigns today are paralysed by their inability to identify the government as their enemy just because it happens to be called Labor.

When the ALP is defeated we will not have achieved any improvement in the government of Australia. But, hopefully, we would have re-established the Left as an independent political force capable of intervening in the political life of this country.

The right wing of the Labor movement always say the left wing is marginal and irrelevant to politics in Australia. **IT IS.** One reason is because they are tied to the same basic approach to politics. The Left is just as much a part of the system as the Right is. So their attempt to be so "progressive" is a lie to the working class of Australia. The working class is waking up though, and the high informal vote in the last elections is showing us the lead.

We are not calling for a protest vote to force the government to adopt "socialist policies". Nor are we calling for a safe protest vote in Labor strongholds.

Our campaign will be in marginal labor seats. **It will cost them government.** And we will enjoy every second of it!

Where to from here?

We have no ready answers but

If we bring about the defeat of the Labor government we would be starkly faced with the reality that we possess no alternative to it, no vision of what kind of society we want to build and no program for getting there.

Isn't it about time we faced that fact and did something about it?

"We communists disdain to hide our views and aims. We openly declare that our ends can only be attained by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions. Let the ruling classes tremble at a communist revolution. The workers have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win."

Marx/Engels. The Communist Manifesto.

Authorised by Guy Fawkes Parliament House (bomb shelter)

P.S. We don't wish to be seen as totally unreasonable. If the ALP suddenly reverses its reversals we will be quite happy (sort of) to hold off our campaign until The election after next.

We have issued this leaflet to launch a campaign to get rid of the ALP government. We hope the campaign will be broad based and successful. If you think that the government is part of the problem raise the matter in your organisation (or wherever). Come to meetings — — — — — Or if you don't want to be hamstrung by us, organise meetings of your own!

Meeting : May 13th (Tuesday) 7.30 pm.

**Old Firestation, 301 St Georges Road
Fitzroy North**