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The unions, and all working class organisations, need to come together to denounce the NT Intervention as the racist atrocity it is, and fight to end it. In the course of this struggle, we can develop a true movement of reconciliation. We can build a society which recognises land rights, and abolishes both wage labour and real estate. We can have a revolution.

END THE NORTHERN TERRITORY INTERVENTION

The presence of clinic defenders keeps the anti-abortionists away from the clinic, so that staff and clients can enter and leave, and people can walk the street, free from their harassment. Defending the clinic is still an important part of the battle to decriminalise abortion and make it freely accessible, on demand, to all women.

Organised by Campaign for Women's Reproductive Rights. For more information, or to get involved in CWRR, contact Radical Women on 03 9388 0062.

DEFEND THE FERTILITY CONTROL CLINIC

Last Saturday every month
10.00 - 11.30am

118 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne

What is Anarchism?

Anarchism is a social philosophy based upon the principles of liberty, equality and solidarity. It is the political dimension of a free society.

What is Communism?

Communism is the principle of "from each according to their ability, to each according to their need". It is the economic dimension of a free society.

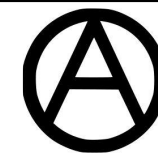
What is the Melbourne Anarchist Communist Group?

The MACG is an organisation of class struggle revolutionary anarchists who share political positions, articulated in theory, strategy and tactics.

We aim to encourage struggle by the working class for its own interests and, within that struggle, we aim to advance Anarchist ideas as its necessary philosophical basis.



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STOP THE GENOCIDE

A Racist Intervention

The Northern Territory Intervention, the so-called "emergency response" to a report into child sexual abuse in NT Aboriginal communities, is nearly three years old. It is a bipartisan policy of the "Labor" Party and the Liberals, introduced by Howard and continued by Rudd. It is not, and never was, about child abuse.

The NT Intervention comprises nine measures, the most prominent of them being:

- * Compulsory acquisition of Aboriginal land in targeted communities;
- * Compulsory control of Centrelink benefits of people in the targeted Aboriginal communities; and
- * Imposition of Government Business Managers to control targeted Aboriginal communities.

To achieve this, and the other measures, the Racial Discrimination Act was suspended. This is as clear an admission of racial discrimination that you can get from any modern government.

Back to Paternalism

The NT Intervention marks a policy turn of historic proportions for Australian capitalism. A decisive fraction of the ruling class has abandoned its inconsistent and often tokenistic support for indigenous self-determination. It is now driving hard at re-introducing the long-discredited policy of paternalism and assimilation.

Land rights and native title have failed to produce a class of capitalist Aboriginal entrepreneurs. Instead, underfunding and racist contempt have created communities, especially around township camps, where many Aboriginal people have neither a functioning traditional culture nor the resources to prosper in white society.

The capitalist class has concluded that Aboriginal people can't manage their own affairs, so they have to have white people control them again "for their own good". And what is good for them is (according to them) assimilation, to become absorbed into white capitalist society and live just like white people.

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NO JOBS ON A DEAD PLANET

The Copenhagen Conference has failed. Beneath a mass of lies, excuses and buck-passing, the reality is clearly visible. The United Nations Conference, which was supposed to produce a binding international treaty to stop dangerous global warming, has resulted in no such thing. Instead of even a "political agreement", the massed governments of the world have come up with an inadequate set of initiatives and a complete lack of commitment to making them legally binding.

Cynicism and Greed

The debacle was entirely predictable. The capitalist ruling classes of the world are full of cynical opportunists, whose greed and short-sightedness has fuelled a dangerously irrational and reactionary denial industry. Dishonest and avaricious political elites, visibly in the service of their own ruling classes at home, don't miraculously become courageous and far-sighted champions of truth and justice when they meet at an international conference. Rather, their double-dealing and special pleading are elevated to a new and higher plane. Since they couldn't agree on how to make workers and the Third World poor pay for a solution to global warming, they couldn't agree on anything meaningful at all.

The capitalists have already delayed the required action for 20 years, from the time it was first demonstrated that climate change was a real threat. The science is undeniable and action is required now to prevent global warming reaching dangerous levels. There is a real possibility that, unaddressed, climate change might begin a self-reinforcing cycle of runaway warming, leading to a barely habitable planet.

Market Solutions No Solution

All sorts of self-appointed experts advocate an emissions trading system, the Australian version of which is the Labor Government's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. The idea is to enable "the market" to find the lowest-cost path to safe levels of greenhouse emissions.

There are many practical holes in this, not the least of which is that dodgy "emission-reduction" certificates that don't actually reduce emissions will be virtually impossible to stamp out.

More fundamentally, however, an emissions trading scheme rewards the capitalists in industrialised countries with obscene privileges to pollute, while workers in developed countries and almost everybody in underdeveloped countries will be compelled by market forces to make all the sacrifices. This approach also allows capitalists in obsolete, polluting industries to preserve their source of profits by hiding behind their employees and bleating about "saving jobs" that they'd happily destroy themselves to boost profits.



Only Workers can Prevent Global Warming

Capitalist "solutions" to Global Warming will push the cost onto those least able to pay and generate splits in society which will prevent effective action. Only the working class can prevent global warming, by making the capitalists pay. Only the working class, by taking direct action to seize the means of production from the capitalists, can:

- * Close down the fossil fuel power industry and convert to renewables without forcing miners and power workers into unemployment;
- * Massively boost public transport and shift the emphasis of travel away from the private motor vehicle, without forcing workers in the vehicle industry into unemployment; and
- * Change the pattern of urban development to end suburban sprawl and focus on sustainable communities and transport options.

Even a government wanting to solve global warming can be defeated by the economic power of capitalists intent on protecting their own profits. Only through workplace organising and direct action can this power be removed. And only a federation of workplace and community councils can plan and implement a path to a sustainable future, in Australia and for the planet as a whole. We're talking about a workers' revolution, because nothing else will work.

**WORKERS' DIRECT ACTION
AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING**

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Assimilation is Genocide

There are many ways to commit genocide, and putting people into gas ovens is only one. The ambition to destroy Aboriginal culture by assimilating Aborigines into white capitalist society also meets the definition of genocide. If the new paternalists have their way, Aborigines will move into "economically viable" towns and cities, Aboriginal languages and culture will be lost and, most importantly, Aboriginal land rights will no longer be an obstacle to mining companies.

Aborigines are simply to be "Australians": - who happen to be very poor and have dark skin, thereby singling them out for racist treatment by coppers and rednecks. And there's the rub. The genocide of Aboriginal society, even if accomplished, will not mean that Aboriginal people become "normal Australians". Poverty and racial oppression are still to be their lot.

An Injury to all

Apart from those living in remote communities and resisting integration into capitalist relations, almost all Aborigines in Australia are part of the working class. To achieve working class unity, we need to fight all divisions within our class, including racism, and the intended Aboriginal genocide in Australia is racism par excellence.

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