

MANIFESTO of the REPUBLICAN PARTY of AUSTRALIA



for the **FEDERAL ELECTION**

SATURDAY, MARCH 24th, 1990

The following PHILOSOPHICAL STATEMENT & PARTY PLATFORM is printed in green for very good reasons. What follows is a "greenprint" for Australia's future. For it is THE FUTURE that we are about. Our candidature in Election '90 is a stepping stone to Election '93 & beyond. Real issues are addressed. We deem ourselves to be the Harsh Reality Party &/or Hard Options Party – Australian Patriots – catalysts for responsible change. we have been formed since January, 1982 and we have contested several House of Representatives by-elections (LOWE & FLINDERS in 1982; ADELAIDE, GROOM & OXLEY in 1988) and three Senate elections (in 1983, 1984 & 1987) in between. So we are not a "here today – gone tomorrow" outfit. On one occasion we were instrumental in determining an Election outcome – the 1987 Victorian Senate election. Whether or not we carry any influence in Election '90 is immaterial. The REPUBLICAN PARTY of AUSTRALIA is "being there & doing that," so to speak. And just how progressive & alternative are we?

We champion: **CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM** – we have a 32 point platform – a lot of which is included inside.

DEVOLUTION & INTERCHANGE of GOVERNMENT POWERS
ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTALISM & LIFESTYLES
ZERO POPULATION GROWTH
VERY MUCH RESTRICTED IMMIGRATION – a net 10,000 per annum
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS REFORM
to strengthen the Small & Middle Business sectors – see inside for details
MICRO-ECONOMIC REFORM - to the extent necessary
FULL DE-REGULATION of the LABOUR MARKET
UNIFORM NATIONAL LAWS & INDUSTRIAL AWARDS
LEGALISING but CONTROLLING the DISTRIBUTION of all DRUGS of DEPENDENCE
RE-REGULATION of the FINANCIAL SYSTEM
The **PRINCIPLES & VALUES of HUMANISM & INDIVIDUALISM** – see full statement (opposite column) which incorporates our Civil Liberties stand
INTERNATIONALISM – let's advance "The Australian Way"!
PRACTICALISM over PRAGMATISM
NATIONAL PLANNING in the NATIONAL INTEREST – not Sectional/Parochial interests
DECENTRALISATION – our Regional Co-Operative Government Plan shows how!
COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL from the ANZUS TREATY
ARMED NEUTRALITY – let's be the "Switzerland of the Pacific & Indian Oceanic Hemisphere"!

It's patently clear that we are a "Thinking Voters Party" – not a Single Issue Party or some such grouping.

THE AFFIRMATION OF HUMANISM:

A Statement of Principles and Values

We are committed to the application of reason and science to the understanding of the universe and to the solving of human problems.

We deplore efforts to denigrate human intelligence, to seek to explain the world in supernatural terms, and to look outside nature for salvation.

We believe that scientific discovery and technology can contribute to the betterment of human life.

We believe in an open and pluralistic society and that democracy is the best guarantee of protecting human rights from authoritarian elites and repressive majorities.

We are committed to the principle of the separation of church and state.

We cultivate the arts of negotiation and compromise as a means of resolving differences and achieving mutual understanding.

We are concerned with securing justice and fairness in society and with eliminating discrimination and intolerance.

We believe in supporting the disadvantaged and the handicapped so that they will be able to help themselves.

We attempt to transcend divisive parochial loyalties based on race, religion, gender, nationality, creed, class, or ethnicity, and strive to work together for the common good of humanity.

We want to protect and enhance the earth, to preserve it for future generations, and to avoid inflicting needless suffering on other species.

We believe in enjoying life here and now and in developing our creative talents to their fullest.

We believe in the cultivation of moral excellence.

We respect the right to privacy. Mature adults should be allowed to fulfill their aspirations, to express their sexual preferences, to exercise reproductive freedom, to have access to comprehensive and informed health-care, and to die with dignity.

We believe in the common moral decencies: altruism, integrity, honesty, truthfulness, responsibility. Humanist ethics is amenable to critical, rational guidance. There are normative standards that we discover together. Moral principles are tested by their consequences.

We are deeply concerned with the moral education of our children. We want to nourish reason and compassion.

We are engaged by the arts no less than by the sciences.

We are citizens of the universe and are excited by discoveries still to be made in the cosmos.

We are skeptical of untested claims to knowledge, and we are open to novel ideas and seek new departures in our thinking.

We affirm humanism as a realistic alternative to theologies of despair and ideologies of violence and as a source of rich personal significance and genuine satisfaction in the service to others.

We believe in optimism rather than pessimism, hope rather than despair, learning in the place of dogma, truth instead of ignorance, joy rather than guilt or sin, tolerance in the place of fear, love instead of hatred, compassion over selfishness, beauty instead of ugliness, and reason rather than blind faith or irrationality.

We believe in the fullest realisation of the best and noblest that we are capable of as human beings.

UNOFFICIAL REFERENDUM

To the Question: **"SHOULD AUSTRALIA BECOME A REPUBLIC" . . .**

The "answer" is "YES" so Vote 1 for your **REPUBLICAN** candidates in New South Wales

(the Senate & Representatives Seat of Grayndler) or Queensland (the Senate & Representatives Seat of McPherson)

Policies

1. THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY

Since the Labor Government came to Office 7 years ago (a) The \$A has depreciated by more than 60% against the Yen and (b) Our foreign debt has grown from a relatively manageable \$A 35 billion to a chronic \$A142 billion i.e. it has QUADRUPLED! or has grown by more than a billion Australian dollars for every month of the 84 months they've been there. Our foreign debt under the Labor Government has become so perilous that (a) our economic sovereignty has eroded to the point where Japan now has an effective veto over our foreign investments. (b) we have the highest underlying rate of inflation in the industrialised world (at $\pm 8\%$); (c) we are just behind Brazil & Mexico and just in front of Argentina in per capita foreign debt & (d) our International credit rating has been dropped twice, NO LESS! Under this Hawke Labor Government we have become the "poor white trash" of our trading region— second class citizens of the Pacific rim. A January 1990 report in the respected British magazine "THE ECONOMIST" stated: "A major reason for Australia's corporate problems was that when the Labor Government de-regulated one part of the financial system in the early 1980's, it had ignored a range of loopholes that remained in another. And by not retaining sufficient regulatory controls & fudging the nexus between the financial system and the labour market, the Labor Government has presided over an enormously serious debt situation, as was the case in the 1880's & 1920's when Australia previously faced heavy indebtedness." Having a low-valued currency only exacerbates the total problem because inflation is fed making the managing of the debt situation harder. It is nearly an unsustainable current account position — we are, indubitably, "down the Argentinian Road" yet the Hawke Labor Government wants to further fuel the inflationary pressures viz. the Accord Mark 6, (which incidentally, is the first such deal "stitched together" during an election campaign) with "safety valve" measures which guarantee a form of full indexation that, in turn, weakens the link between wages/salaries & productivity. The Accord Mark 6 — like the 5 previous Accords — is a confidence trick and the last thing Australia needs at this time. A calamitous recession plainly appears to be rolling along. The trends are found in the Small Business & Middle Business sectors (the major employing sectors) where more than 30,000 companies went into liquidation in 1989 — more than tripling the 1988 figure. Further, a February 1990 business survey by Australian accounting firm Arthur Andersen revealed 90% of 1200 Chief Executives interviewed believed the economic downturn would continue for at least the next 2 years. With interest rates to Small & Middle Business running between 20% & 27% the risk-taking element is removed — the "seed money" evaporates! It's not a pretty picture. And given that we're already in "economic downturn mode" is the Labor Government going to be able to handle it? It is more likely that the Labor Regime has laid the groundwork for IMF intervention. Let's not forget that Bob Hawke, when ACTU President, presided over the demise into bankruptcy of ACTU-SOLO petrol stations & ACTU-BOURKE's discount department store. Is this the legacy Hawke has in prospect for our country? The dark secret that Treasurer Paul Keating & ACTU present Secretary Bill Kelty hold is that the edge of our economic collapse is in sight. And what is Labor's remedy? To throw more (unearned) money AT the problems — to foster more "Nanny-Statism" — to promise post-Election '90 "soft landings" — to assert, in typical Gilbertian language, that "most of the hard work on putting our economy right has been done!" Hawke's Ministers with the notable exception of John Button, to a man, hold to such rottenly dishonest rhetoric. DEBT, DEFAULT & DECAY — the full 3D CATASTROPHE in a nutshell — confronts us. The Labor Government together with the conniving ACTU know what truly needs to be done, indeed, NEEDED to be done long before now. Labor has, unmistakably, grown tired & arrogant. Labor is only paying "lip service" to being about-micro-economic reform & labour market de-regulation and they are obviously testing the electorate's gullibility. Australia doesn't need Status Quosism! Interest rates will not fall

in Australia for the foreseeable future simply because money is getting more expensive in Japan, West Germany & the USA so, once again, Labor is raising false hopes by "assuring" us all that interest rates will "continue to fall." They didn't fall after the February 1989 WA State election did they? And what about that other reckless lie Hawke delivered at the time of the 1987 Federal election — that no Australian child will be living in poverty by 1990! Well, it's 1990 and there's half a million poverty-stricken children still in this country!

Economics is a difficult subject to master — no two economists entirely agree on financial issues. A Government which changes one aspect of the economy automatically affects other aspects. But some things which must be attempted by whomever comprises the next Administration in Australia are the following:

1. Financial System Re-Regulation — to respond capably to the East Asian challenges there inevitably has to be Government intervention — but not interference which stifles initiative.
2. Australians must be given incentives to save more & spend less & consume less.
3. Imports must be cut & exports increased.
4. Superannuation must not be interminably interfered with by Government fiat. This long-term money is too vital to the country's investment portfolio.
5. The "corporate cowboys," the "cowboy antics" of Australian Big Business & "cowboy banking practices" and general "banking bastardry" must be eradicated.
6. Tax Havenism must be outlawed.
7. The "transfer-pricing" strategies of multinational companies must be resisted.
8. The existing Capital Gains Tax should be replaced by a Speculative Gains Tax (more on this later).
9. Financial Institutions Duty should be phased out.
10. Budgeting, on a calendar year basis, for surpluses — should become the "norm."
11. Inflation must be properly tackled & contained: A head count freeze on Public Servants would be a sensible starting point. *Remember, Japan has 4 Public Sector employees per 100 population — in Australia it's 19 Public Sector employees per 100 population.
12. The Taxation System desperately needs to be overhauled & simplified. The best way to simplify our burgeoning revenue collection processes would be to (a) work on the "9% principle" and (b) allow no exemptions or exceptions whatsoever and rebates only where there are proven cases of overpayment of tax.

Direct Tax should be calculated as follows:
 16 & 17 year olds no income tax whatsoever
 18 to 21 year olds maximum 9% income tax
 21 to 25 year olds maximum 18% income tax
 25 to 65 year olds maximum 27% income tax
 65 to 70 year olds maximum 18% income tax
 & 70 years old and beyond maximum 9% income tax
 Indirect Tax should be calculated as follows:
 On all goods & services (Foreign Exchange transactions elsewhere) 9%
 On luxury goods 18%
 On light alcohol beverages (0-2.5 alc.Vol) 27%
 On hard alcohol beverages & drugs of dependence 36%
 On nicotine-related products 45%

Company Tax (on all businesses, semi-government, quasi-government, government authorities, churches, organised religions, charities, multinationals — all businesses which generate income or make profits) 27%
 A maximum 1% taxation to apply to the interest earned on Savings. The same 1% incurrences to apply to Superannuation & Annuities schemes and likewise 1% on lump sum payouts in these areas.
 A 1% taxation levy to apply to all Foreign Exchange transactions — on a daily basis. This levy would fund all existing Social Welfare Schemes.
 Speculative Gains Tax would be calculated on a graduated scale of 9% - 18% - 27%.

2. THE ENVIRONMENT

We Republicans are as "green" on Environmental & Ecological issues as any other party if not more so. Sensible environment policies would include the following:

No inroads or tree-felling in declared virgin forests, National Parks or World Heritage areas. And no exploration or mining in these areas either! Let's protect our remaining wild rivers, rainforests, wilderness & marine parks. Let's really undertake grand-scale afforestation programs to satisfy our timber requirements (the National Nursery Plan). Let's preserve & conserve native fauna & flora to the utmost practicable extent. Also, let's combat soil erosion and promote agricultural biology & organic farming methods to the nth degree. Let's study and learn from the "New Anthropology" and practise "greening". Let's support caring ecologist movements e.g. "Trees on Farms" and "Greening Australia." Space does not allow us to fully document our concerns but we feel we must make a genuine plump for the Forests.

A forest is a complex living community. Its canopy is a blanket which protects a teeming array of life below. Independent populations of birds, mammals, insects, reptiles and plants dwell within the forest. The soil that forms the forest floor contains a multitude of invertebrates, bacteria and fungi which play an essential role in cycling nutrients in the soil and the forest. Forests are important to our survival. They provide us with clean water and prevent soil erosion. They act as a storehouse of carbon which, if cut down, burnt or destroyed, leads to greenhouse gases being released into the atmosphere. Our forests are also a place of respite from the hustle and bustle of everyday living. We are at one with the ACF when we assert that further logging of native forests is not the medium to long term solution to the timber industry's problems and we therefore advocate an ecologically sustainable forest plan for Australia which would:

- Protect the National Estate ;
- Urge the Federal Government to take action on issues of national importance and where necessary take steps to override State decisions ;
- Increase the level of RECYCLING both personally and commercially (including newsprint) ;
- Increase the planting of eucalypts for both pulp and sawlogs ;
- Replace paper and pulp imports with environmentally sound (non-bleached) paper products ;
- Reduce wasteful uses of paper and timber.

3. CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

We propose leaner government with no duplication and far fewer politicians: a 2 tier system of government (National in co-operation with Regional — unicameral with multi-member electorates determined by proportional representation); deterrence of career politicians. 4 year fixed terms of Parliament; non-compulsory voting; a total discontinuance of un-Australian activity e.g. imperial honours, awards, knighthoods, etc.; non-permitting of the distribution of "how-to-vote" cards on election days; first class citizenship for all Australians — no swearing of allegiance to any foreign "Head-of-State" — a purging of "pseudo-patriotism" — election of "Heads of State" who are Australian citizens & Australian residents; a REPUBLIC!
 Unbeknowns to fellow Australians, there would be attendant economic benefits with (a) constitutional reform and (b) conversion from Commonwealth of Australia to Republic of Australia.
 Under the Regional Co-Operative Government Plan for Australia (an RPA Publication) we believe most minority groups could get a voice in Parliament.
 We already are working hard to see the conditions put in place whereby a truly Australian National Identity would emerge but we realise there is a lot more educating to be done.

TRIM OFF AND TAKE WITH YOU TO THE POLLING BOOTH ON

How to Vote REPUBLICAN in the N.S.W. SENATE Election: Saturday, 24th March, 1990

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50 TURNER	46 LANOICHO	33 MURPHY	35 WILKINSON	7 COHEN	58 HUME	2 DUNN	12 WOOD	40 LOOSLEY	22 BISHOP	49
51 GOURLEY	45 MATTAR	34	36 MACGREGOR	8 KIRK-BRIGHT	59 EVERING-HAM	3 PRINEAS	13 TRENOWETH	37 CHILDS	21 BROWNHILL	48
52 GARING	44 HAJJAR			9 ARNOLD		4 RECHER		39 WEST	19 PUPLOCK	47
53 SHANKS	43 RESSITIS			10 FAITH				38 MCCARTHY	20 ANDERSON	
54 CLARNETTE	42 CONTI			11 BECKMANN						

*Remember... you must number ALL 62 squares

4. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS REFORM & FIRING-UP FOR SMALL & MIDDLE BUSINESS SECTORS

- We favour:
- (a) Voluntary employment agreements.
 - (b) Provisions for opting out of the centralised, regulated, industrial relations system.
 - (c) Abolition of the powers of the Industrial Relations Commission to impose penalties on businesses for non-compliance with awards so long as the Commission refuses to impose any penalties on unions.
 - (d) The rights of individuals to refuse to join trade unions and that right being enshrined in legislation.
 - (e) The rights of unions to engage in non-industrial objectives being circumscribed by removing the advantage of legal privilege.
 - (f) The role of sub-contractors being recognised by governments and government instrumentalities where possible, and employment of sub-contractors by government being given priority.

5. THE MULTIFUNCTION POLIS . . .

We favour it's siting at Badgery's Creek, New South Wales.

6. THE 3rd RUNWAY AT MASCOT . . .

We favour it whilst the new Badgery's Creek airport is fast-tracked to (a) serve the same ends as London's Gatwick Airport & (b) make the MFP project internationally viable.

7. NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT at DARWIN

(the front door to Australia) - we're for it.

8. MEDIUM DENSITY HOUSING . . .

to contain land costs and reduce urban sprawls of cities e.g. Sydney & Brisbane -- we're for it.

9. TOURISM INDUSTRY STIMULATION . . .

- (a) We want Departure Tax abolished
- (b) we want Penalty Rates for workers dispensed with &
- (c) we hold that there has to be continuous Government marketing to maintain Australia as an entity and exciting place for overseas residents to want to visit.

10. RESETTLEMENT PLANS for INDIGENOUS ENDANGERED SPECIES -

we favour it.

11. For INTERNATIONAL ENDANGERED SPECIES e.g. Rhinos, Elephants & Tigers

we feel that the established small lots in the Kimberleys could easily be extended to create the breeding & living space for these particular animals and others like them. With their numbers built up we could re-export them to their native countries.

12. We need to get THINKING -

i.e. serious, analytical appraisal of issues, current affairs onto the Educational Curricula to counter mental laziness practices & the effects of lowest common denominator pap served up in so many areas of everyday life. Therewith, let's develop the intellectual marketplace!

13. Let's have competition between the bureaus for

diversity of ideas and to assist the micro-economic reform processes.

14. A MAXIMUM 15 INDUSTRY-BASED UNIONS

should be legislated into existence forthwith - we have alot of catching up to Sweden & West Germany in this regard.

15. We favour the PRIVATISING of the ENTIRE WATERFRONT & COASTAL SHIPPING.

16. We are strongly in favour of the

STANDARDISING of RAILWAY GUAGES

Australia-wide. We see great possibilities issuing from a linking of Perth, Melbourne & Sydney to a National Railway Grid with a major inland port at Alice Springs. We believe therewith that the Western & Eastern States should be linked with the port of Darwin and that therefore Alice Springs & Darwin should be linked by railway line, also.

17. ARTS VANDALISM must be countered - an immediate doubling of the Australian Arts Council's budget would be a most worthwhile move.

18. AUSTRALIANISATION . . .

no foreign combine should own Australian land - it should be leased out on 99 year bases. Foreign ownership of media interests in this country should be limited to 20%. And foreign shares investment in Australian companies should be limited to 49%. Further, we would want to end the "warehousing" practices of certain Australian people who "front" for overseas speculators.

19. FLEXIBLE IMPORTS POLICIES are needed

to keep local protected industries on their toes. Exclusion of imports doesn't necessarily create local industry or employment. The challenge is to strike a balance which is conducive to (a) building up secondary industry again & (b) making ourselves, in turn, more productive and competitive.

20. There has been success with the COMMUNITY AID PANEL

projects on the Central Coast of NSW and so we propose that there be an expansion of this positive scheme to assist first time law breakers to not make repeated offences.

21. SKILLSHARE - the Employment Program

has been an unqualified success and therefore should be retained and expanded.

22. The budget for the NATIONAL COMPANIES & SECURITIES COMMISSION

must be quadrupled to check the rampant spread of white-collar crime.

23. We propose a merger between FILM AUSTRALIA & SBS

so that the television network can get a boost whilst FA gets a screen!

24. We want a restoration of the \$1 & \$2 notes

as part of a general hardening up of our currency.

25. We think that TELECOM

should alter their STD rates to 2 tiers: 9am - 6pm Full Daily Rate Monday-Friday; 6pm - 9am 1/2 Daily Rate; Weekends (Saturday & Sunday) 1/2 Daily Rate.

26. We see great advantages in STRATEGIC TARGETING for INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

27. TELECOM, OTC & AUSSAT

should be merged into the one super communications organisation so that, with the appropriate vertical integration, it can become a viable International operation especially in the Pacific Basin & Oceania.

28. NATIONAL HEALTH SCHEME . . .

Medicare, we venture, must essentially be retained. However, those who wish to opt out should be able to and not pay any levy. Those who elect to stay in the scheme should be prepared to contribute 3% of their Annual Income. Pensioners and the socially disadvantaged should continue to get the service free.

29. NATIONAL URBAN PLAN

Incorporating aspects of the "Engineered Australian Plan" (see Laurie Hogan's book: "MAN MADE MOUNTAIN"), we believe in the dire necessity of devising a "CITIES PLAN" i.e. capital cities plan. The Scandinavian model would be most applicable to Australia's needs. The National Urban Plan accommodates environmental considerations, regional government ends, private sector involvement, foreign investment input and caters for the good or betterment of all the urban dwellers. To coin a word: "PLANAGEMENT."

30. We should export more expertise, advisers, trainers, lecturers, surgeons, etc., and most certainly, we should instigate a system of Australian universities overseas (ASIA, AFRICA, SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL AMERICA). There are 5 very good reasons why:

- Overcrowding would be reduced at Australian universities;
- New job opportunities would be created for Australian academics;
- Building staff, maintenance and accommodation charges would be lower in these developing countries;
- The cost of attending these universities would be much less for the students, and
- The presence of an Australian tertiary institution overseas would promote good relations with the host country.

31. THE ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM . . .

we are categorically in favour of better expressways, urban corridors and freeways (environmentally landscaped) being constructed for they are conducive to more road safety, more jobs, savings on fuels, reductions in travelling times & increases in Australian Industry competitiveness.

32. INTERNATIONALIST POLICY . . .

we should be prepared to trade with, communicate with and play sport with ALL overseas countries.

33. We oppose:

- planned obsolescence
- exponential or unplanned growth
- technomaniac extravagance
- phone tap legislation - what price civil liberties or privacy?
- retrospective legislation of any kind.

34. We propose:

- "sunset" clauses with all new legislation
- "justification codes" with all new legislation - who wins & who loses?
- technology impact statements being prepared whenever new machinery or work methods are introduced.

35. The C.S.I.R.O.

should be re-structured to better relate with Industry. This extraordinary body needs a doubling of its existing funding - especially in the light of the involvement it is likely to have in networking in advanced scientific technology.

36. For Australia's long term energy requirements

we favour the engendering of solar, wind and water power technological research. We believe also in the furtherment of super-conductivity research.

37. Australia needs a strategic economic policy authority (S.E.P.A.)

similar to Japan's Ministry of International Trade & Industry to correct the now-great problem of "economic imperialism." We mean a directed model with substantial public investment and a series of government preferential industrial policies geared to designated growth areas for Australian-owned and controlled companies. This S.E.P.A. would also co-ordinate bargaining for large-scale exporting of Australian products.

TURDAY, 24th MARCH, 1990

THE OFFICIAL BALLOT PAPER

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EWART	56 WILSON	15 BOURNE	62 CLARK	6 REVERBERI	32 ROLO	27 LINCOLN
AY	57 WILSON	16 SOWADA	61 HETTER-SCHIED	5 NEWTON	31 ERGLIS	26 HNOUDAKIS
BRAN		17 COLE	60 RADIMEY		14 ZERO-POPULATION-GROWTH	1 CONSANDINE, Peter
		18 THOMPSON			30 SUTHERLAND	25 PIERSON-SALVESTRIN
					29 MONK	24 DIXON
					23 SMITH	

**How to Vote
REPUBLICAN
in the N.S.W.
House of Representatives seat of
GRAYNDLER**



- 6 ADRA
- 3 WELCH
- 4 PEPPER
- 10 WILSON
- 8 FARES
- 7 DER MATOSSIAN
- 1 URBAN, Paul**
- 5 BENNETT
- 9 McLEAY
- 2 HENNESSY

THE OTHER PARTIES

The other parties are an issue in Election '90. The Nationals are still agrarian socialists; The Australian Democrats are the new old Labor Party; the Labor Party are the New Conservatives and the Liberals are trying their damnest to get back into Office. Australian Democracy will be mightily served if the anachronistic Westminster 2 Party Preferred System was broken down somewhat. We Republicans would view it as very healthy indeed if Ted Mack Independent gets elected in the Federal House of Representatives Seat of North Sydney; Leigh Maughan, Independent, gets elected in the Federal House of Representatives seat of Newcastle and Janine Haines makes a successful transfer to the House of Representatives from the Senate by way of a victory for the Australian Democrats in the seat of Kingston. Further, we would welcome more "proportional" representation in the Australian Senate and along with pitching for places there ourselves we honestly hope some more "Green" candidates also make it this time. The sound of "Green Balance" is music to Republicans' ears. If the Liberals win Office as even a Minority Government for the forthcoming term that may well be the best outcome. For Andrew Peacock may be a playboy Prime Minister but we Republicans envisage his Parliamentary colleagues CHANEY, KEMP, HOWARD, McLACHLAN, COSTELLO, HEWSON, MOORE & BISHOP keeping him honest! Peacock will make a reasonably good Chairman for the new hungry talent who will obviously take up their Parliamentary seats after 24th March.

THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES in ELECTION '90:

N.S.W. – for the Senate – **PETER CONSANDINE**,
Entertainment Consultant

– for the House of Representatives seat of
GRAYNDLER – **PAUL URBAN**, Lawyer.

QUEENSLAND – for the Senate –
MARK CRESSWELL, Psychologist.
– for the House of Representatives seat of
McPHERSON – **OTTO KUHNE**, Builder.

THE NEW AGENDA FOR THE 1990's (progressing towards the 21st Century)

For politicians and would-be politicians a new agenda has been "set." It involves labour market de-regulation, a shift towards productivity as the basis of wage fixing, tougher compliance provisions in the industrial arena, privatisation of government enterprises, continuing micro-reforms based upon the destruction of union and marketing monopolies, further opening of markets and lowering of protection, comprehensive policies of "sustainable development" to meet environment concerns (the rare domain of greater State involvement), the shift towards a more broadly based indirect tax, a continuing effort to shift attitudes towards savings at the expense of consumption and the emergence of a new brand of Australian regionalism, the product of greater economic fluidity and diversification, signs of which are now evident.

We Republicans have the capacity to comprehend the balance between economics and compassion. At the very least we are prepared to "go into bat" for this posited new agenda.



REPUBLICANISM & THE MONARCHICAL/BRITISH COLONIAL CONNECTION

"The greatest threat to Australia's security is not Indonesia or the possibility of mistakes in military planning. It is the hangover of a colonial mentality which has arrested our cultural development and which is at the root of our present economic difficulties; it displays itself in its most virulent form in the belief that we cannot defend ourselves without the help of 'great & powerful friends'. This belief amounts to a declaration of national inferiority which means that we are failing to fully declare ourselves as a nation with our own interests which may not be in the interest of other nations."

It is when one reads considered opinions such as respected journalist Ken Davidson has written above that one ponders 'what hope for this country.' A few more examples: Roberta Sykes, Social Commentator: *'The Commonwealth Games should more appropriately be named the Colonial Games;'*

Author Bill Hudson: *"Never having opted for independence, never having struck out on her own separate path with her own ideals and purposes Australia was at a loss . . . she knew what it was to be British (but) no framers of a declaration of independence had given her a vision of what it was to be Australian;'*

And television documentary maker Peter Luck (reviewing the telefilm of the 1954 Royal Tour): *'the first visit by a reigning monarch to this colony with forelock tugging and group grovel on a grand scale;'*

Book reviewer Ross Fitzgerald: *'In 1942 we finally achieved "nationhood" – only to replace the British with the Americans as our minders. The time has come to decide whether we consider this nation worth defending by ourselves.'* Indeed!

For an unofficial REFERENDUM on the issue.

Q. Are you in favour of Australia converting from Constitutional Monarchism to Constitutional Republicanism. i.e. Changing the Government system from one in which the Head of State is an unelected Foreigner to one in which we elect our own Australian Heads of State?

A. (If Yes) . . . then VOTE 1 for
PETER CONSANDINE – for the Senate in N.S.W.
or
MARK CRESSWELL – for the Senate in Q'LD.
and VOTE 1 for **PAUL URBAN** in **GRAYNDLER**
and 1 for **OTTO KUHNE** in **McPHERSON**.

Let's ditch the collective cultural cringe, collective inferiority complex, pseudo-patriotism, sham citizenry and appalling lack of National Identity and National Objectives.

Let's set the REPUBLICAN wheel in motion!!
Australia has everything to gain if we do!!

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REPUBLICANISM: THE "Sleeper Issue"!

Rather than have the media or the discredited 2 major political parties determine what the issues are in Election '90

– why not make an issue of REPUBLICANISM for AUSTRALIA by voting for Republican candidates! Sleepers Awake!!