

There is little doubt that we've passed the tipping point in global warming as is proven by increased incidence of extreme weather events. From now, we'll simply be forced to accept whatever is coming and attempt to make the best of it. Unfortunately I don't believe any government has the will to make whatever changes are necessary to make a difference although it is almost certainly too late anyway. Politicians as a breed are invariably devoted to the failed 'economic growth' paradigm and as such believe 'bigger is always better'. Mind you the ONLY example in nature of never-ending growth is called C A N C E R !!!! Remember the saying 'the love of money is the root of all evil'.

It's quite obvious that politicians are driven almost exclusively by 'the love of money', its the whole ethos of the economic growth paradigm, the driving force behind 'Big Australia', the completely unsustainable immigration policies, industrialization, and population growth leading to most if not all out global warming issues. By far the most important trend that needs to be addressed is that of politicians at all levels grabbing ever greater bites of revenue for themselves, thereby subjecting taxpayers to increased taxes. Note that the much touted 'economies of scale' do not apply, they never have and never will, because as populations grow, the political & bureaucratic systems become increasingly expensive on an exponential scale. Ultimately all services suffer from lack of funding as taxpayers get bled dry.

Meanwhile we see avaricious but totally incompetent politicians like Gilliard, Swan & Abbott, Slipper etc merrily lining their own pockets. The root of this problem, and indeed the vast majority of contentious issues, is the total lack of accountability in politics generally. I challenge you to take a very definite stand on the issue by moving to give total and irrevocable control of the Parliamentary remuneration Tribunal to the people. Once the people have absolute control of salaries & perks, politicians will have no option but to respect those who elect them instead of treating them with contempt as is presently the case.

Note that pre 1970s, most local authorities didn't pay salaries to councillors, the positions were unpaid / voluntary. No council had difficulty maintaining roads, libraries etc and accountability was rarely if ever an issue. Since then, the people have been fed the line 'we need to pay top money to attract top people'. Quite obviously that HASN'T worked ... what we have seen is ineptitude on a grand scale, take ex premiers Peter Beatty, Anna Bligh & Christine Keneally, present premier Campbell Newman, prime ministers Whitlam, Keating, Hawke, Howard, Gilliard (have I forgotten any recent ones ??) whose only interests have been maintaining membership of the gravy train via raping the electorate. We can't even win by voting a bad government out because the replacement is guaranteed to be equally unaccountable and inept. In conclusion, the only possible solution is to restore accountability, and that can only be done by handing the keys of the gravy train to the people.

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