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"If you are not receiving our regular emails then please forward us your email address so we can keep you informed on issues as an when they happen."

United we stand — Divided we fail

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Apologies to all regarding our website.

We have found out the hard way that the company 'hosting' us has gone broke.

We are in the process of fixing this problem as we go to print.

Are you interested in setting up a Property Rights Group in your area?

If you are please contact us and we will do all that is possible to assist you.

Protecting your property starts with you!

New Group in Albany!!!!!!

A new Property Rights Group is being formed in Albany and surrounding districts. The inaugural meeting has been set with details following.

Southern Property Rights Group
Inaugural meeting

Friday 27th February 2009

7.30 pm

Stirling Club
14 Stirling Terrace
Albany

A large thank you to John O'Dea who can be contacted on 98448777 and his many supporters for this initiative.

One of the many issues that John raises are of concern to Albany residents are the actions of the local Council.

'...it states we have to cede a portion of land at no cost to the City Of Albany.....' J & P Allan Little Grove

'When council approached us we were scared we might end up facing court because council was taking neighbours to court at the same time, so we signed up for a sale of land at unimproved capital value.' Mrs Wood said.

The above quotes are taken from local newspaper articles.

'Infrastructure' at what cost?



**QUESTION EVERYTHING!
ASK, ON WHAT BASIS OR
EVIDENCE IS A DECISION
BEING MADE ?**

BE WARNED !

**ALL PROPERTIES
THROUGHOUT THE
STATE OF WA
ARE UNDER
ATTACK**

**YOUR PROPERTY IS
UNDER THREAT
FROM
RESUMPTION,
REZONING
OR
QUARANTINING**

While infrastructure is being called for as a stimulant to the 'economic downturn' the question is at what cost to the private land owner?

WAPRA believes that privately owned land should only be taken where no other options are available to Government. Previous infrastructure projects, public gas pipeline, public high voltage power lines, sends a clear message to all property owners in this State: nothing is secure, invest at your peril.

While the 93% of Western Australia is owned by the crown (check the Landgate Website) why is it that public pipelines, public water supplies and public power lines are diverted to only go through private property? If you ask the consultant that comes to tell you that you have just given a chunk of your land to the benefit of the community, the answer will be 'it is easier to take land away from Private owners (you and me) than it is to put Public Infrastructure on Government Land', seems they don't like public power lines, public water supplies and public pipelines on their land. Oops sorry Public Land!

WAPRA also maintains that to assign government agencies extraordinary powers and privileges in land development and infrastructure is to undermine private property rights and risk serious corruption of individuals and due process.

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BEWARE OF THESE POLICIES!!!!!!

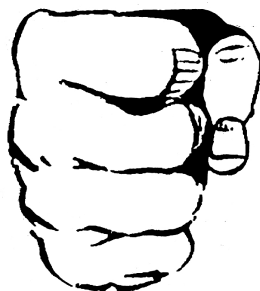
The new Draft South West Wetlands Policy - it encompasses from the north of Geraldton, east to Esperance - effectively it covers all privately held agricultural land in the State of Western Australia. Submissions close 27th March 2009. Call Billie 63646500 for a copy.

Fertilizer Action Plan - comes into effect 2010 - we can no longer use water soluble phosphate fertilizers - there goes farming. Sorry forgot we can import all our food Australia doesn't need an agricultural industry does it?

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Future Issues to focus on "Where Political Parties Fail":

- Property Rights and Prosperity
- Individuals and the Common Good
- Fertilizer and Herbicide Bans
- Affordability and Government Policy
- Clearing Bans and Water Rights.
- The Heritage Act and Property Rights
- Biodiversity and Conservation Reserves
- Compensation 'ON JUST TERMS'



**STOP THE
LAND GRAB**

Political Gongs & Bouquets

Gongs Minister for Environment Donna Faragher - for failing to take into account scientific evidence readily available and continuing to blame farmers for dumping fertilizer into waterways at around \$1000 per tonne. Even the 'Drovers Dog' seems to have more of an idea.

Senator Rachel Siewert for failing (while the Labor/Green coalition was in power and flushed with funds) to ensure that the Ramsar Wetlands were purchased outright by the Western Australian Government. That is of course if they have any significant value or is this just a further grab at peoples rights to their property?

Chairman's Report

The New Struggle

What do the following countries have in common - Zimbabwe, Palestine, China and Bolivia?

Suggestion - Grave social unrest and human degradation due to destruction of ordinary people's Property Rights.

Look behind the world's worst and most bloody conflicts and you usually find that breach of property rights lies close to the heart of the problem.

Racial hatred, cultural antagonism and religious differences are often cited as cause (rather than fuse) of violent upheaval. Usually however, behind the poisonous rhetoric is a challenge by the powerful to the rightful ownership of others.

Initially, as a consequence, the wider community suffers a general malaise as economic momentum and productivity stalls when the securities underpinning ownership are eaten away. When due process of Law is weak, too expensive or absent altogether, resolution of such conflict knows no other means than violence.

Happily in this wonderful country such extreme outcomes are rare.

We have witnessed it infrequently - at Eureka for example, but the strong underlying tradition of English Common Law protected us from bloody excess.

Until recently, that is.

We are now confronted by a new destructive force entrenched, firstly within the common psyche, secondly within the political and bureaucratic framework of government and finally (most tragically) within the legal system itself.

Popularity is at once this movement's greatest strength and possibly, its fatal flaw. It goes by many names but to those who have already felt its impact it's often referred to as "Ecofanaticism" or perhaps more pointedly as "Ecofacism".

If unchecked this movement has the potency to destroy the economic and cultural framework, not only this nation but others like it. Its ambit is already global and its influence is arguably more effective in western cultures than Christianity is, especially amongst the young. It is unrealistic to expect the young, when priced out of the game, to defend the rights of older, wealthier players.

The Prime Minister cites the vicious greed of Wall Street as the cause of our current peril and certainly we need protection from these hyenas when dealing with hard earned savings. However destruction of the means of production and hence of savings before investment should be a greater concern. Threats to wealth creation come in many forms, from many directions. Mr Rudd needs look no further than within his own Cabinet for the 'Wong' solution.

JOIN WAPRA !

**"IT IS ESSENTIAL WE
MAINTAIN A FIGHTING
FUND TO EXPOSE THE
DISCRIMINATORY LOSS
OF PROPERTY RIGHTS.**

**BECOME A
FINANCIAL MEMBER !**

**ARE GOVERNMENT
REGULATIONS
THREATENING THE
OWNERSHIP, USE,
AND ENJOYMENT
OF YOUR
PROPERTY ?**

JOIN WAPRA !



**"IF THEY DO IT TO A FEW
THEN THEY CAN DO IT
TO YOU"**

Letters To The Editor

Horrible Consequences

Victorian Premier, John Brumby has promised a Royal Commission to investigate causes, responses and consequences of the catastrophic super fires of this week.

He has assured the nation that 'everything will be on the table'.

Those who lost their lives and survivors who lost everything else, deserve nothing short of absolute honesty and rigour of such an investigation.

Therein may also lie benefits for the wider community.

Presumably answers will emerge to questions like the following:

Why were so many homes surrounded by such dense vegetation?

Why was such under storey fuel in surrounding bushland allowed to build over so many years?

Did government policy prevent clearing of vegetation within these communities?

If so, on what grounds?

Are policies espoused by government agencies prejudicial to community safety, especially in relation to vast areas of nearby National Parks?

Are controlled burns more or less damaging to wildlife than super fires?

By all means possible prevent and punish arson, but don't lose sight of the wood for the trees. Super fires occur every thirty years or so when conditions are horrendous - in prolonged stinking heat and gale force winds. They are particularly vicious when there has been a build up of under storey fuel.

In such circumstances arson is only one of the possible triggers.

This combination of events has once again proved painful beyond words to many fellow Australians as well as to native and farm animals incinerated by heat that melted metal.

In thirty years perhaps such awful lessons are forgotten. We live in hope therefore that the proposed Royal Commission honestly records all the facts for posterity and that public policy takes its conclusions to heart

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My heart goes out to all those who lost loved ones in the Victorian bushfires.

Now the bureaucratic blame game starts - that old red herring 'global warming' a prime diversion. Others tell us the cause is arson. Fire control authorities and police tell us that one maybe two of the fires were lit by arsonists - perhaps, but let's wait on the evidence. Like the poor - they, sadly are always with us.

Excessive understorey fuel accumulation, extraordinary weather conditions must also be high on the suspect list and therefore we must also consider, out of respect for those who did not survive, whether Green fundamentalism overwhelmed our common sense, placing the welfare of a trees above the lives of human beings. We should ask whether the same stupidity resulted in an extraordinary mortality amongst koalas and other rare and endangered species!

I look forward to Bob Brown and his Green cohorts accepting some responsibility for this outcome. Every individual who tied themselves to a tree to stop firebreaks and fire containment lines, and every politician and local government officer who supported the policies that made it illegal for people to clear trees around houses must now be called to account. This was an insanity we must all answer for. To those who lobbied and protested against the protective burning of forests - I hope you have courage and wisdom enough to realise that sometimes we get it tragically wrong - even with the best of intentions.

Heather Dewar

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