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United we stand — Divided we fail

*Throughout the world everyone wants to own
their own toothbrush.*

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**HAVE YOU READ THE AUS-
TRALIAN CONSTITUTION?
OR HAD TIME TO READ THE
UNITED NATIONS UNIVER-
SAL DECLARATION OF HU-
MAN RIGHTS?**

**WAPRA Inc has its own
phone number with an an-
swering machine for when I
am not there.**

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Sometimes called the father of modern journalism, H.L. Mencken made some wonderfully pithy statements; one of my favourites is as follows. "to every complex problem there is always a perfectly simple solution - and it's always wrong."

This applies in the case of communism and socialism. Just have the government run everything and whack it up equally among everybody. What could be fairer or simpler. Only one problem - it just doesn't work. It never has worked. Not in Russia, not in Eastern Europe, not in Cuba, not in China, not even in Israel where the purest form of Communism was practiced on many kibbutzim and was not coerced - you could leave any time you wished - and they did. It failed as it did everywhere else. Throughout the world absolutely everyone wants to own their own toothbrush.

Despite the universal failures there are always people who continue to push for socialism. Why is this so? The answer may lie in the realms of psychology, economics, anthropology or evolution, but whatever the reasons or origins the fact is there are always these pushers of socialism. They want to tell you what to do and how to live your life. They know best. You don't.

After the worldwide failure of socialism they have now come up with a new disguise for socialism; it's called environmentalism.. Who could argue with protecting our planet. It's brilliant subterfuge. No matter if you crush individual people along the way. No matter if you confiscate the life savings of hard working people. No matter if you ultimately lower the standard of living of everybody especially the poor. That will take time ad they'll think up some excuses for that in due course.

We are all environmentalists but we are not all fanatics. When the fanatics get into positions of power and start jailing farmers for tilling the ground to produce the food we eat, then something has gone seriously wrong. I am talking about Western Australia right now.

Houston, we have a problem.

Dan Leighton

Vice President

THANK YOU

Worldwide Online Printing Joondalup, for getting the job done within my unreasonable completion dates..

Bevan at the Gingin Post Office, for his patience in my timing to post all the newsletters.

Thank you all for making this job easier.

Heather

AGENDA

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13th December 2010

Welcome by Chairman Leo Killigrew

Chairman's Report Leo Killigrew

Treasurers Report: Heather Dewar

Election of Office Bearers

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Committee members

General Business Questions and Answers

Meeting closed

Please post or email the below nomination form.

I..... wish to nominate for the following position on the committee of the W A Property Rights Association,.....

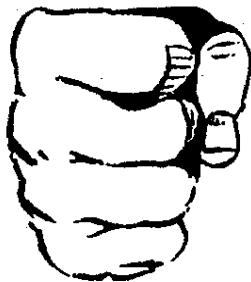
Signed.....

Date.....

BE WARNED !

ALL PROPERTIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF WA ARE UNDER ATTACK

YOUR PROPERTY IS UNDER THREAT FROM RESUMPTION, REZONING OR QUARANTINING



STOP THE LAND GRAB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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W A PROPERTY RIGHTS ASSOCIATION INC

13th December 2010

MONDAY

7.30pm

10 Kearns Crescent

Applecross 6153

For catering purposes could you please email your intent to attend or phone and leave a message on our answering machine.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The West Australian Newspaper (Nov.22nd) reports a rally in Guildford protesting the lack of progress in restoration of the fire ravaged Guildford Hotel. A petition called on the State Government to "remedy inadequacies in the Heritage Act to ensure a similar situation never again eventuated"

The ALP's Shadow Heritage Minister John Hyde addressed the gathering and "welcomed changes introduced in a Bill in State Parliament last week, which would increase penalties to \$1million for people who would damage or destroy heritage buildings and could prevent them from redeveloping sites for up to 10 years"

So then, we might wonder, what 'inadequacies' are in need of further remedy? The Heritage Act makes disturbing enough reading already, at least to those who still believe that fairness and presumption of innocence should remain critical pillars of our legal system.

Quite apart from the opaque chauvinism which all too often surrounds definition and selection of 'heritage' listings, the blatant injustice visited upon luckless owners seems to escape the notice of many. After all, such impositions affect only a minority - their bad luck!

If the Guildford community feels strongly about repairing a damaged heritage building, perhaps a more appropriate and fairer response would be for a heritage loading to be added to local government rates so that at least a contribution be made towards restorations of this sort. Fat chance, I hear you mutter - but you see the point - why should we impose all the costs of heritage upon disadvantaged owners when it is generally agreed that the wider community benefits by such listings?

W.A.P.R.A supports sensible preservation of genuine heritage buildings, significant landmarks and artifacts. However, we strongly oppose forcing the costs of such preservation on hapless owners. If the community supports such action, the community should compensate individual owners 'on just terms'.

Leo Killigrew
Chairman
Western Australian Property Rights Association Inc

THANK YOU

Linda Macri for her hours spent researching information.

Leo for continuing to give us free room and board in your office.

Leo and Dan for your letter proofing skills and much needed sound and calming advice.

To all our members and supporters thank you for your continued support, phone calls and attendance at meetings.

The job would be impossible without you all. Thank You!

Heather

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"

Opening speech given at our Public Meeting 1st November 2010 by Leo Killigrew

SLOW BOILING FROGS

Societies sometimes undergo profound but gradual transformation, which few notice, because the majority of citizens are comfortable, perhaps a little self-indulgent and even apathetic. Such gradual change does not affect them, personally. Not initially anyway.

Slow, yet definite social change, has been allegorised in a nasty little narrative - that of the slow boiling frogs. In pleasant warmth, these placid amphibians are lulled to mindless acceptance of their apparently comfortable and harmless circumstance. But stealthy seduction continues, until some - probably ones closest the heat source, grow agitated and then alarmed. Of course, more conservative, risk adverse elders tell the alarmists to croak off, to not disturb the peace, to relax and be happy, to grab a cigar and enjoy the spa.

Clearly, redemption from this situation requires considerable insight, rare courage and singular determination, even in a frog - it being no small feat for a half cooked croaker to leap from the simmering brew and turn off the gas!

Ladies and Gentleman, it is with great pleasure, in these days of singular self-indulgence, that I assure you, such selfless heroes still exist. Not as extraordinary frogs save perhaps, in an allegorical sense, but rather as human beings of considerable prescience, courage and singular determination. They draw our unsuspecting attention to a deteriorating social circumstance by their personal suffering. Closer to the heat source - they give timely warning that the old order is under serious threat, that a new one is in the offing and that once again, productive enterprise is at grave risk, challenged by a seductive vision new, but really, so very old and discredited.

I believe it is a great pity we have debased the study of History in our schools, or the truth of this would be obvious even to our children.

Property ownership in this evergreen Utopia is seen as something radically different - having all the liabilities and responsibilities of traditional ownership, but lacking any real chance of productive reward. A vision that sees costs and regulatory controls escalated to the point where productive use and enjoyment of property are effectively destroyed. Individual energy, creativity and private capital are, as a consequence, also lost. Some zealots, devotees of this Utopian vision, see productive enterprise as blight on the environment, as invariably threatening to Nature. Sadly, such silly chauvinism is evident even within some W.A Government agencies.

Wealth Creation, so vital in a sustainable society, is privately scorned and slowly but surely, extinguished. Consequently, employment, especially in small business, becomes unsustainable, public infrastructure - dysfunctional and its renewal costs - unsustainable; essential services - also unsustainable, education and research grants - unsustainable and most ironically, environmental protection also rendered unsustainable. Ultimately, food production itself becomes uncommercial, or again, in the language of these new visionaries - unsustainable.

And so finally, the water begins to boil.

I am honoured to introduce to you tonight, three remarkable people, our very own allegorical frogs that have been nearer the heat source than most - and survived. They are here to tell us of their respective traumas and to warn us of a very real and present danger, that threaten all of us, unless things change and soon!