

GOULBURN ADDRESS

MONDAY 8 DECEMBER, 1975

IN THIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN, THE LIBERAL AND NATIONAL COUNTRY PARTIES HAVE PUT FORWARD POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE POLICIES WHICH COME TO GRIPS WITH THE PROBLEMS FACING AUSTRALIA.

THE A.L.P. HAS NOT OFFERED ONE CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION ON THESE PROBLEMS.

THE CLOSEST MR. WHITLAM CAME TO CONSTRUCTIVE POLICIES WAS WHEN HE HELP UP A COPY OF OUR POLICIES - EVEN THEN HE HELD THEM AT ARM'S LENGTH.

IN THE FIRST WEEK OF THE CAMPAIGN, MR. WHITLAM SAID HE WAS GOING TO STAND ON HIS RECORD - THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS, WHICH RECORD WAS HE GOING TO STAND ON - RECORD INFLATION, RECORD INDUSTRIAL STRIFE, OR RECORD UNEMPLOYMENT.

BUT PERHAPS WE ARE EXAGGERATING MR. WHITLAM'S  
FAILURE TO DEAL WITH THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM -  
THOUGH HE COULDN'T FIND A JOB FOR 400,000 AUSTRALIANS,  
HE CERTAINLY SUCCEEDED IN FINDING A JOB FOR HIS SON.

LABOR'S INCOMPETENCE LEAVES MORE THAN ENOUGH  
SCOPE FOR JOKES ABOUT MR. WHITLAM AND HIS MINISTRY  
OF SACKED MEN - LABOR'S SAD SACKS.

BUT TODAY, WE MUST TALK SERIOUSLY ABOUT THE TYPE  
OF AUSTRALIA WE WANT.

ON DECEMBER 13, YOU WILL BE DECIDING THE FUTURE  
OF AUSTRALIA.

YOU WILL DECIDE WHAT KIND OF COUNTRY YOU WANT  
FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

DO YOU WANT A SOCIALIST AUSTRALIA?

- DOMINATED BY BIG GOVERNMENT, BIG BUREAUCRACY,  
BY FORMS, RED TAPE, REGULATIONS AND CONTROLS?

DO YOU WANT AUSTRALIA RUINED BY SOCIALIST  
INCOMPETENCE?

OR

DO YOU WANT AUSTRALIA TO BE FREE, DEMOCRATIC  
AND PROSPEROUS?

OUR WAY OF LIFE HAS BEEN BUILT BY PEOPLE FROM  
ALMOST EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.

YOU OR YOUR PARENTS OR YOUR GRANDPARENTS CAME  
TO AUSTRALIA BECAUSE IT WAS A NEW COUNTRY -  
A FREE COUNTRY - WHEN MEN AND WOMEN COULD DECIDE  
FOR THEMSELVES HOW THEY WANTED TO LIVE THEIR LIVES.

PEOPLE HAVE COME TO AUSTRALIA BECAUSE IT IS  
A LAND OF OPPORTUNITY - A LAND FREE FROM THE  
FEARS, THE WARS OF OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

THE MOST ENTERPRISING, THE MOST ADVENTUROUS  
THE MOST FAR-SIGHTED FROM OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE  
MADE THE LONG JOURNEY TO AUSTRALIA.

TOGETHER - ALL OF YOU HERE - OUR PARENTS AND  
OUR GRANDPARENTS HAVE BUILT A COUNTRY TO BE  
PROUD OF

AUSTRALIANS CAN HOLD THEIR HEADS UP ANYWHERE  
IN THE WORLD FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.

- IN SPORT
- IN MEDICAL RESEARCH
- IN THE ARTS, MUSIC, PAINTING, WRITING
- IN THE GREAT ENTERPRISE AND VISION  
IT HAS TAKEN TO BUILD AUSTRALIA

BUT OUR PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT AS A PEOPLE IS THAT  
WE HAVE BUILT A COUNTRY WHICH CAN GUARANTEE A DECENT  
LIFE FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS - RICH AND POOR, IN THE  
CITIES AND IN THE COUNTRY, OLD AND NEW

NO OTHER COUNTRY CAN OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY, THE  
SOCIAL EQUALITY, THE TOLERANCE, THE FREEDOM, THE  
CONCERN FOR ONE'S FELLOWMAN, THE GOOD LIFE  
THAT AUSTRALIANS CAN ENJOY.

NO OTHER COUNTRY HAS THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE  
- TO BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE WORLD OF WHAT FREE PEOPLE  
CAN DO.

WE HAVE ACHIEVED THE BEST BECAUSE WE HAVE  
ENCOURAGED THE BEST-BY ENCOURAGING THE BEST  
EFFORTS OF ALL, WE CAN PROVIDE THE BEST LIFE  
TO ALL

THIS IS THE AUSTRALIAN WAY

THE IDEALS WE ALL SHARE BUILD ON THE BEST  
ELEMENTS OF THE AUSTRALIAN WAY

- \* WE WANT EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR ALL
  
- \* WE WANT TO ASSIST - TO THE VERY BEST OF  
OUR ABILITY - THE DISADVANTAGED AND  
THOSE IN NEED
  
- \* WE WANT TO PROVIDE ALL AUSTRALIANS WITH A  
BASIC LEVEL OF SECURITY BELOW WHICH NO-ONE CAN  
INVOLUNTARILY FALL
  
- \* WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT ALL AUSTRALIANS  
CAN FIND A JOB - AND A SATISFYING JOB
  
- \* WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE DIFFERENT TALENTS  
THAT PEOPLE HAVE - AND TO BE TOLERANT OF  
DIFFERENCES

- \* WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO COMPETE  
TO DO BETTER - TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN  
PERFORMANCE
  
- \* WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE AN APPRECIATION  
AND ADMIRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT SO THAT WE CAN  
BUILD A GREAT AUSTRALIA
  
- \* WE WANT FREEDOM - SO THAT PEOPLE CAN CONTROL  
THEIR OWN LIVES, MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS,  
- FREEDOM FROM DICTATION AND DOMINATION BY  
POLITICIANS AND CIVIL SERVANTS.
  
- \* WE WANT AN AUSTRALIA BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT  
BETWEEN ALL PEOPLE - AN AUSTRALIA WHERE  
PEOPLE CAN RECOGNISE AND WORK TOGETHER IN  
THE COMMON INTEREST

THAT IS THE KIND OF AUSTRALIA WE WANT

I BELIEVE THAT IS THE KIND OF AUSTRALIA YOU WANT

THAT IS NOT THE KIND OF AUSTRALIA WE HAVE BEEN  
GETTING FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS

FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS THE LABOR PARTY HAS BEEN  
WRECKING AUSTRALIA IN ITS EFFORTS TO IMPOSE  
GREATER AND GREATER GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER EVERY  
ASPECT OF OUR LIVES

- \* MORE AND MORE GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND  
EXTRAVAGANCE
  
- \* HIGHER AND HIGHER TAXES
  
- \* MORE AND MORE BUREAUCRACY, REGULATIONS  
AND CONTROLS

HAVE ALL DONE IMMENSE DAMAGE TO AUSTRALIA - MUCH  
GREATER DAMAGE THAN MANY PEOPLE REALISE



- \* BECAUSE INCOME TAX COLLECTED HAS GONE UP  
2½ TIMES MOST OF AUSTRALIA'S FAMILIES FIND  
IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO MEET THEIR  
OWN NEEDS AS THEY SEE FIT
  
- NO WONDER PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS  
MEET.
  
- AS A RESULT OF LABOR'S TAXES YOU HAVE TO WORK  
AN EXTRA MONTH A YEAR JUST TO PAY THE  
GOVERNMENTS BILLS

WE WILL PUT AN END TO EXTRAVAGANCE AND WASTE

- \* LABOR'S TAXES HAVE WIPED OUT TENS OF THOUSANDS  
OF JOBS IN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE
  
- THE MONEY THAT SHOULD HAVE GONE INTO  
BUILDING FACTORIES, BUYING MACHINES,  
PROVIDING JOBS HAS BEEN PAID IN TAXES TO  
THE GOVERNMENT

- UNDER LABOR AN AVERAGE OF 207 JOBS HAVE BEEN LOST EVERY DAY FOR THREE YEARS - ONE JOB EVERY SEVEN MINUTES
- IT TOOK MR WHITLAM TO EXPORT OVERSEAS THE JOBS OF SO MANY THOUSANDS OF AUSTRALIANS - ONLY GOUGH COULD DO IT.

SOME ACHIEVEMENT, SOME RECORD?

WE WILL RESTORE INCENTIVES AND GET AUSTRALIA MOVING AGAIN.

\* LABOR'S TAXES, LABOR'S SOCIALISM - FORCED UP PRICES.

- GAVE US THE WORST PERIOD OF RISING PRICES, THE HIGHEST INTEREST RATES IN AUSTRALIA'S HISTORY.

MR WHITLAM SAYS LABOR HAS LIVING POLICIES - HIS POLICIES MAY BE LIVING - BUT THEY'RE KILLING AUSTRALIA.

ON TOP OF ALL THIS WE HAVE HAD THREE YEARS OF  
A GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS DEGRADED THE STANDARDS OF  
PUBLIC LIFE

- NEVER BEFORE HAVE TWO MEN WHO WERE ACTING  
P.M. BEEN SACKED FOR DECEIVING THE PARLIAMENT
  
- NEVER BEFORE HAS A P.M. HAD TO BE SACKED  
BECAUSE HE TRIED TO GOVERN WITHOUT PARLIAMENT -  
BECAUSE HE WAS PREPARED TO DAMAGE AUSTRALIA  
RATHER THAN FACE HIS MASTERS - AND OURS -  
THE PEOPLE

AUSTRALIA CAN'T STAND THREE MORE YEARS OF THIS  
KIND OF GOVERNMENT

YOU CAN TAKE A STAND FOR AUSTRALIA ON DECEMBER 13

\* YOU CAN END LABOR'S TAX RIP-OFF AND GIVE  
REAL HELP TO AUSTRALIA'S FAMILIES

- OUR TAX REFORMS WILL DO THIS

- \* YOU CAN GIVE POWER TO THE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT CLOSEST TO THE PEOPLE.
  - TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
  - OUR POLICIES WILL GIVE REAL FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT
  - WE WILL STOP CANBERRA DICTATING TO EVERY OTHER GOVERNMENT IN AUSTRALIA.
  
- \* YOU CAN TAKE ACTION TO START JOB OPPORTUNITIES EXPANDING AGAIN ON DECEMBER 13
  - WE WILL GIVE INCENTIVE TO BUSINESS
  - ESPECIALLY SMALL BUSINESS, TO START PROVIDING JOBS AGAIN.

- \* ON DECEMBER 13 YOU CAN GIVE AUSTRALIA A  
GOVERNMENT WHICH UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEMS  
OF FARMERS - AND IS PREPARED TO DO SOMETHING  
ABOUT THEM

THERE CAN BE NO PROSPERITY IN AUSTRALIA UNLESS THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE COUNTRY AND IN THE CITY.

OUR POLICIES RECOGNISE THAT THE INTERESTS OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE GREAT CITIES ARE INTERDEPENDENT.

- \* WE WILL GIVE THE RURAL COMMUNITY THE CONFIDENCE  
AND CERTAINTY IT SO DESPERATELY NEEDS.

- \* WE WILL INITIATE THE FARM INCOME RESERVE FUND.

- \* WE WILL ESTABLISH A RURAL BANK FOR LONG-TERM FINANCE.

- \* AS RECOMMENDED BY THE I.A.C. THE SUPERPHOSPHATE BOUNTY WILL BE RE-ESTABLISHED AND ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE DEPRESSED BEEF INDUSTRY.
  
- \* WE WILL CONTINUE THE RESERVE PRICE SCHEME FOR WOOL AT NOT LESS THAN 250¢ A KILO THROUGHOUT THE 1976-77 SEASON. THIS WILL GIVE LONG-TERM CONFIDENCE TO THE INDUSTRY.
  
- \* WE WILL EASE ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS.

ON DECEMBER 13 YOU CAN GIVE AUSTRALIA A GOVERNMENT  
WILL TAKE POSITIVE ACTION TO IMPROVE INDUSTRIAL  
RELATIONS

- WE WILL GIVE THE AUSTRALIAN WORKER A CHANCE TO CONTROL HIS OWN UNION
  
- WE WILL INTRODUCE SECRET BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS UNDER ELECTORAL OFFICE SUPERVISION

IN EDUCATION OUR COMMITMENTS ARE ALSO CLEAR.

- \* WE WILL RESTORE THE TRIENNIAL FUNDING OF EDUCATION THAT LABOR HAD TO ABANDON.
  
- \* WE WILL USE OUR FUNDING TO OVERCOME THE INADEQUACIES IN EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES WHICH SEVERELY LIMIT THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OF CHILDREN IN MANY AREAS.
  
- \* WE WILL MAKE SPECIAL PROVISION FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN - HANDICAPPED, ISOLATED, MIGRANT AND ABORIGINAL CHILDREN.
  
- \* WE SUPPORT GIVING A BASIC GRANT TO CHILDREN AT ALL SCHOOLS BOTH GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT - WHERE PUPILS ARE SUBJECT TO EDUCATIONAL DISADVANTAGE WE WILL ENSURE THAT THEY RECEIVE EXTRA FINANCIAL SUPPORT.
  - SUCH A SYSTEM WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOLS COMMISSION IN ITS RECENT REPORT.
  - LABOR - N.T., A.C.T.

\* ON DECEMBER 13 YOU CAN GIVE GENUINE SECURITY TO THE DISADVANTAGED BASED ON REAL PROSPERITY.

- WE WILL MAINTAIN MEDIBANK.

- WE WILL MAINTAIN THE REAL VALUE OF PENSIONS.

\* YOU CAN VOTE ON DECEMBER 13, TO RESTORE AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCES.

- WE WILL NOT GIVE YOUR MONEY TO AFRICAN TERRORISTS.

- WE WILL REVERSE MR WHITLAM'S RECOGNITION OF THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF THE BALTIC STATES.

\* WE WILL WORK IN OUR REGION AND ALL NATIONS WITH WHICH WE HAVE PHILOSOPHICAL COMMITMENTS IN COMMON.



TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD AN AUSTRALIA IN WHICH  
EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO FIND SELF-RESPECT  
AND SELF-FULFILLMENT IN THEIR OWN WAY -  
NOT CRUSHED INTO A MOULD OF SOCIALIST CONFORMITY.

WE CAN BUILD AN AUSTRALIA IN WHICH ALL CHILDREN  
START OUT IN LIFE WITH DECENT OPPORTUNITIES TO  
ACHIEVE TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITIES.

AN AUSTRALIA IN WHICH PEOPLE TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR  
WORK AND ARE REWARDED, NOT PENALISED FOR DOING  
THEIR BEST.

AN AUSTRALIA IN WHICH PARENTS CAN TAKE PRIDE  
IN HANDING ON TO THEIR CHILDREN THE VALUES  
THEY BELIEVE IN.

AN AUSTRALIA IN WHICH PEOPLE ARE PREPARED TO  
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN ACTIONS.

AN AUSTRALIA IN WHICH PEOPLE RECOGNISE THEIR  
COMMON INTERESTS AS WELL AS THEIR IMMEDIATE  
PERSONAL INTEREST.

AN AUSTRALIA IN WHICH ALL ARE SECURE IN A  
MATERIAL SENSE, BUT WHERE SPIRITUAL AND ARTISTIC  
VALUES ARE APPRECIATED AND ENCOURAGED.

AN AUSTRALIA WHERE THERE IS JUSTICE FOR ALL,  
AND WHERE ALL MEN ARE FREE TO LIVE IN DIGNITY  
AND SELF-RESPECT.

THIS AUSTRALIA CAN BE OURS.

IT CAN BE OURS IF YOU VOTE FOR FREEDOM AND  
PROSPERITY ON DECEMBER 13.

\* BUT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO TAKE THE OUTCOME  
OF DECEMBER 13 FOR GRANTED.

WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE COMPLACENT.

ONLY IF WE CONTINUE OUR UTMOST EFFORTS CAN WE  
LOOK FORWARD TO A BRIGHT NEW FUTURE.

ON DECEMBER 13, YOU CAN TURN ON THE LIGHTS.

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