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Isherwood: Stop the madness! Save the food bowl from demolition

Environment Minister Tony Burke's latest Murray-Darling Basin plan targets a century of water infrastructure for demolition, under orders from the Ramsar Secretariat in Switzerland, run by Prince Philip's World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

Citizens Electoral Council leader Craig Isherwood declared today, "Tony Burke's plan is madness. It will lay waste to the infrastructure that produces the food supply for more than 60 million people.

"It amounts to a military-style assault on our national food security, which Australians must fight as if their lives depend upon it, because they do."

Burke's new plan ups the amount of water stripped from irrigators from 2,750 gegalitres, to 3,200 GL. His justification for gouging this much extra water from farmers is that it will meet 17 out of 18 "environmental targets", compared to 13 under the previous model. These environmental targets are the Ramsar-listed "wetlands"—aka swamps—which provide the legal basis for the *Water Act 2007* that Howard government Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull rammed through Parliament to hand over the fate of Australia's premier food bowl to the people-hating Malthusians in the WWF.

To make the "modelling" for his new plan work, Burke intends to demolish the flood-control infrastructure along the Murray River that has been carefully developed over a century.

Even a green-leaning CSIRO scientist, Julian Cribb, compared this plan to an act of war against Australia, in an Oct. 11 *Canberra Times* column. Cribb wrote, "If Australia's security agencies got wind of a terrorist plot to destroy crucial national infrastructure, eliminate companies and thousands of jobs, cost the Australian public billions of dollars and undermine the health of the community, our governments would—presumably—mobilise our national resources and defence forces to prevent it.

"The trouble is", Cribb continued, "the perpetrators in this scenario are Australian governments themselves: federal and state, and of both political complexions. And the scenario is real. As the world grapples with its third food price crisis in four years, our governments and their bureaucracies are steadily dismantling one of Australia's most productive and important industries: the irrigation sector that supplies most of our daily needs for milk, fruit, vegetables, cotton, rice, meat and other foods essential to a healthy diet and living standard. Irrigation channels that have fed Australians for a century are being bulldozed and farmers' water supplies turned off or sold off for non-food uses. Water prices are soaring. Food industries are contracting, local food companies being sold offshore or shut down, about 100 regional towns are dying and many farmers are quitting agriculture for good. A growing flood of overseas food—grown cheaply in Asia, often using water horribly polluted with industrial poisons, heavy metals and pesticides—now lines the shelves and freezers of our shops and supermarkets."

The destruction Cribb describes is *intentional*. The so-called scientists who use their intellectual authority to demand the shut down of the food bowl are a cult of rabid greenies who are obsessed with schemes to reduce the world's population down to less than a billion people, and Australia's population to

as few as five million people. They operate in the orbit of Prince Philip's WWF and its various Australian off-shoots, including the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF), the Wilderness Society, and the Wentworth Group. Their champion, Climate Commissioner Tim Flannery, has campaigned since 1994 for Australia's population to be reduced to six million. On behalf of the WWF-funded Wentworth Group, Flannery used the ludicrous "Two Men in a Tinny" ABC series in 2006—the height of the ten-year drought—to spread the myth of a "sick" river, and pressure the government into legislating the WWF-Ramsar takeover of the food bowl, through Turnbull's *Water Act 2007*.

Isherwood accused Burke of using his power as Minister to enforce the WWF's depopulation agenda:

"Burke is rubbishing the actually-scientific views and practices of the Basin irrigation communities. In the last drought, the irrigators cut their water consumption by 43 per cent. The cities they feed cut consumption by just one per cent. Burke is forcing these irrigators to submit to green fascists who are so obsessed with slashing our population, that they plan to tear down the infrastructure that supports the very existence of the irrigation communities, and half a million jobs.

"Enough is enough," he concluded. "Green fascism has already smashed our national food industries to the extent that we now import 30 per cent of our fruit, 20 per cent of our vegetables, and three-quarters of our fish. For the sake of the 60 million people in Australia and abroad who get their food from the Murray-Darling Basin, and future generations, we must meet this threat to our nation, and defeat it."

Brits lead foreign buy-up of Australian farmland

The scare campaign over the foreign buy-up of Australian farmland is misdirected—it's not China taking us over, it's the Poms.

Oh, that's OK then?

No, it's not OK. Research by the *Australian Financial Review* shows that for the year ending June 30, 2011, Britain was far and away the top country for foreign investment approved by the Foreign Investment Review Board in agriculture, fisheries and forestry, investing \$189 million; followed by Switzerland (\$150 million), Canada (\$104 million), United States (\$38 million), Hong Kong (\$13 million) and China (\$4 million).

If Australians are worried about the Chinese buying our farmland, they should be virtually ready to go to war with the Brits. If not, what's the difference?

In the ranks of total foreign investment in Australia, China isn't even in the frame: As of 2010, the US was ranked first, with \$550 billion, followed by the UK (\$472 billion), Japan (\$117 billion), and then a lot lower Singapore, Netherlands, Hong Kong, Switzerland, Germany, New Zealand, France, Canada, and then China, accounting for just \$19.5 billion in foreign investment.

The issue is not China. The issue is why do Australians allow themselves to be so whipped up about China that we turn a blind eye to the actual threat to our sovereign control of food-producing land, the British?

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Wheat deregulation is an act of economic warfare on Australia

The Australian government's push to fully deregulate wheat exports betrays Australia's wheat farmers to predatory global grain cartel companies and commodity speculators, charged Citizens Electoral Council leader Craig Isherwood today.

"This final act of wheat deregulation, to extinguish the last remaining regulatory mechanism of the old Wheat Board, is the latest blow to Australian industry, in the decades-long economic warfare offensive on Australia unleashed under Hawke and Keating," he said.

"It is a calculated assault on Australia's family farmers, our national food security, and our capacity to feed millions of people around the world."

Isherwood said deregulation would be the final nail in the coffin of a once stable, regulated national wheat industry that was able to be a major, independent player in the global wheat market, out of reach of the multinational grain traders such as Cargill and Bunge.

"Every attack on the wheat industry's regulatory protections since the privatisation of the Australian Wheat Board into AWB Ltd. in 1999 has been to profit the predatory grain cartel," he said.

"The industry has been a big target of the British-directed drive to strip Australia of every protection under which our nation was once a powerful, agro-industrial economy."

Isherwood explained, "The private grain cartel companies hated AWB and its counterpart the Canadian Wheat Board, because such national single desk arrangements protected those nations' wheat growers from the predatory trading practices the cartel companies use to create wild market fluctuations that enable the traders to buy cheap off the growers and sell dear to customers, and generate enormous profits."

(It was grain cartel companies including Cargill through their front U.S. Wheat Associates who blew up the scandal that was used to finally kill off the AWB, by feeding a Murdoch media journalist,



Caroline Overington, with damaging information. "They obviously had an agenda," Overington admitted to the March 24, 2009 Freedom of Speech conference in Sydney. "They wanted to see AWB destroyed.")

"They successfully destroyed AWB, they now intend to get the government to strip away the last regulatory protection, and then the way will be clear for the cartel companies to destroy all remaining vestiges of collective grower power in Australia, such as Cooperative Bulk Handling (CBH) in Western Australia—the targeting of CBH is already underway.

"Food production is precious, in a world where a billion people are starving," he said. "Under great leaders of previous generations, such as Country Party giant John 'Black Jack' McEwen, food production was protected through government regulation, to give farmers the best possible chance to produce. Those leaders thought it was enough that farmers had to battle the elements—they shouldn't have to battle predatory global traders too. This was the outlook that led the Australian government to establish the Wheat Board in the first place."

Isherwood concluded, "It is absolutely necessary to fight the push by the government and global grain cartel for full wheat deregulation, but that fight is one part of a much broader fight against all of the deregulation policies that have caused so much destruction to Australia's industries and communities. At stake is Australia's survival as a nation with an industrial economy that can feed its people and more besides.

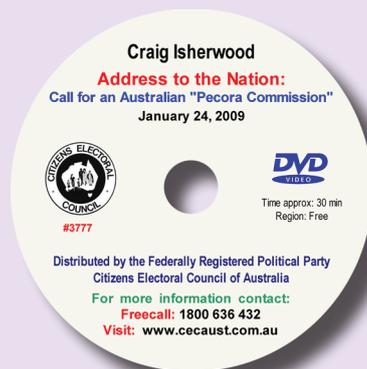
"The CEC is leading this fight. Our national resolution campaign, *The Future of Australia: Develop or Die*, calls for the repeal of all such destructive deregulation policies since Hawke and Keating. Every concerned Australian should confront their elected officials on where they stand on these issues, and if they are also opposed, what they intend to do about them. And there's really only one thing to do: Join the CEC."

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