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Australia must become a sovereign republic

Queen Elizabeth is not a powerless, benign figurehead. She is now the longest-reigning head of Britain's oligarchical power structure which sits above the institutions of democracy. Her role ensures that democratic power can never touch the network of wealthy families, private banks, corporate boardrooms, elite schools, permanent civil servants and secretive security agencies, reinforced by the system of royal honours, where real power resides in Britain, Australia, and every other state where the Queen is Monarch.

The only way to bring this power-structure under democratic control is to replace the Queen with a democratic head of state, accountable to the people. It is past time Australia did this, and finally became an independent sovereign nation.

Here are the facts about the Queen's power. In "The Real British Empire", published in the CEC's October-November 2011 *New Citizen* newspaper, the CEC reported a partial list of the Queen's actual powers, sourced from *Burke's Peerage and Baronetage*. Among her so-called Royal Prerogative powers, the Queen:

- alone declares war at her pleasure;
- is commander-in-chief, and may choose and appoint all commanders and officers by land, sea, and air;
- may convoke, adjourn, remove, and dissolve Parliament;
- may dismiss the prime minister and choose his or her replacement;
- alone may conclude treaties.

In practice, the British Prime Minister exercises these powers in the UK; in Australia they are exercised by the Governor-General under the advice of the Prime Minister. Nevertheless, they are *her powers*, and the British PM consults with her closely, in weekly face-to-face meetings and daily communications conveyed in her red boxes; Australia's PM consults almost as closely with the Governor-General.

Unlike the US president, for comparison, her powers are not defined, and therefore limited, by a written constitution—the British "constitution" is an unwritten system of feudalistic conventions and precedents. Australia does have a written constitution, but the Queen's powers are largely undefined and untouched, which is acknowledged in the "reserve powers" clause in the list of powers of her Governor-General. (One power of the Queen that is defined in the Australian constitution is her power to overrule any law passed by the Australian parliament within 12 months of its passage.) Australian constitutional law expert Ann Twomey called this disguised but very real power of the Queen in Australia's system the *chameleon Crown*, which "takes great care to protect itself by blending into its background so carefully that its presence is barely perceptible". (*The Chameleon Crown: The Queen and Her Australian Governors*, by Ann Twomey).

Take probably the most awesome of her powers, the power to declare war. This is *not* a power of the US president, who is ostensibly the most powerful person in the world. The British PM can declare war without consulting parliament, as Tony Blair did on Iraq in 2003, because the PM uses the Queen's power to do so. The Australian PM can similarly declare war without the democratic accountability of consulting parliament, under our British-crafted system.

The current UK Labour Party leadership campaign has produced a revealing insight into just how undemocratic the British



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Queen Elizabeth attending to the red boxes which contain the business of her governments in the UK and around the world, for her information and approval. For 63 years she has paid close attention to the daily affairs of state, because she is central to the structure of real power that sits above any democratic control.

Crown system is. London's 31 August 2015 *Telegraph* newspaper launched an hysterical attack on front-runner Jeremy Corbyn for suggesting that the elected parliament should have a veto over the Crown's Royal Prerogative powers. Corbyn reportedly said, "The Royal Prerogative should be subject to Parliamentary vote and veto if necessary. The Queen hands her powers to the Prime Minister and he can then exercise them. It's a very convenient way of bypassing Parliament. Also, orders in council are a very convenient way of bypassing Parliament."

Whereas most Britons, and Australians, would assume that parliament already does have the final say, the hysterical reaction to Corbyn's modest proposal proved emphatically otherwise, and indeed, just how much the Queen's position is dependent on not being accountable to the elected parliament. The *Telegraph* quoted historian (and Tony Blair's biographer) Sir Anthony Seldon telling LBC radio:

"It's hard to know what would be left of the monarchy. The fact that Jeremy Corbyn is saying that, would be seen as an assault on the monarchy. It would be crossing the Rubicon. He would be the first Labour leader who started talking about a reduction in the role of the monarchy. It would be very serious."

What is more serious is that an unelected hereditary monarch has that much power over elected institutions. That power is enshrined in the system of hereditary monarchy, which the Crown will kill, and has killed, to protect. Princess Diana was the last great threat to the House of Windsor's control of the British Crown, her openness leading to scandalous insights into how the Monarchy really functioned. Australian-based investigator John Morgan concluded, from his forensic investigation of her death, that the Queen, whose first duty is to the continuation of the Monarchy, ordered her assassination and the subsequent cover-up.

In a true republic, sovereignty comes from the people. Abraham Lincoln expressed this principle most profoundly at the end of his 1863 Gettysburg Address, when he called on his fellow citizens to ensure "that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth".

It is time that Australians see through the carefully stage-managed PR campaign around the Queen, and resolve to become, finally, an independent sovereign nation. The CEC has been committed to that cause since its inception—join us.

Facing Death: Australian Author Stands by Princess Diana Investigation



Source: Channel 7 – Today/Tonight
Australian researcher John Morgan,
author of the *Diana Inquest* series.

Australian investigative writer John Morgan, who has written ten forensic books on the 1997 death of Princess Diana, has revealed he only has months to live.

Morgan, who is viewed by many as the world's leading expert on the death of Princess Diana, has lived with the severe neurological illness Multiple System Atrophy, for the past 12 years.

In a statement released 19 August the NZ-born author said: "Recently symptoms of my illness have worsened considerably and I am now not expecting to live beyond the next few months. "This month marks 18 years since the death of Princess Diana in Paris in August 1997.

"I wish to state categorically that I stand 100% by the results of my forensic investigation into the deaths of Diana and her lover, Dodi Fayed.

"I also state that after having named several people involved in the assassination and many Establishment-connected witnesses who have lied in their evidence, not one person has sought to sue me or clear their name.

"It is my sincere wish that Princes William and Harry will

at some point seek justice for their mother, and that those involved in her murder—and in the subsequent massive cover-up—will finally be held to account for their crimes."

Among its many other ramifications, John's work also inspired CEC Research Director Robert Barwick's article, "British Royals Feel Heat over Diana's Assassination and Charles's Saudi Ties", published in the 11 February 2015 *Australian Alert Service* and 13 February 2015 *Executive Intelligence Review*. The CEC staff extend their heartfelt appreciation to John and Lana for their dedication to their mission, in the face of immense physical hardship. That unwavering dedication produced a comprehensive, meticulously-detailed body of evidence of what *Daily Mail* Investigations Editor Sue Reid called "the biggest scandal of our age"—that Princess Diana was murdered. And, as he proceeded relentlessly with his research over the years, John had the courage to name the ultimate author of that murder, and the names of those who oversaw it and covered it up. As he stated in his summary volume, "Paris-London Connection: The Assassination of Princess Diana", which he issued in 2012 based upon seven earlier volumes, most of 7-800 pages each, "That power rested in the head of the royal family, the Queen. Only she could authorise the assassination of the most famous and photographed person in the world, the mother of the future King of England, the increasingly powerful Princess Diana."

Investigation website:

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Revealed! Decade-long investigation finds Queen ordered MI6 to murder Princess Diana

who was viewed as a threat to the survival of the monarchy

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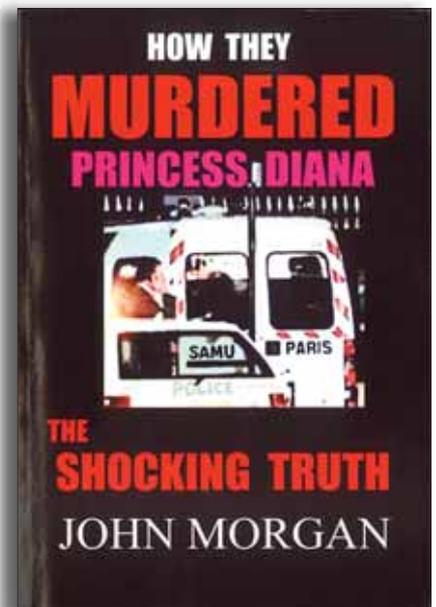
How They

*Murdered Princess Diana:
the Shocking Truth*

by John Morgan

John Morgan's latest book, pictured, is an 800-page summary of all of the evidence he has compiled over his ten years of relentless investigation.

It is available through amazon.com for \$30.00. All of John Morgan's 11 books are available for sale on amazon.com.



I am sitting here at my desk today in October, trying to convince to buy me & encourage me to keep steady & hold my head high — this particular phase in my life is the most dangerous — my husband is planning "an accident" in my car. Brake failure & serious head injury in order to make the path clear for him to marry Tiggy. Camilla is nothing but a deluge, so we are all

Diana's Oct. 1995 handwritten note to her butler Paul Burrell, released only in 2003, warned that "My husband is planning 'an accident' in my car. Brake failure and serious head injury..."