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As a member of the CEC for over 22 years, and a former Shire Councillor for the Logan Shire (1978-1981), I am very proud to be standing as a Senate candidate for the CEC here in Queensland.

For the last 40 years, I have owned and managed my own company, Hope Civil Pty Ltd, which is an earthmoving company involved in bulk earthworks

I am passionate about our successive governments' refusal to competently respond to our nation's droughts and floods which ruin the lives of our rural people and their communities. I can only try to imagine the trauma for the families on the land in North Queensland who have lost their livelihood and their cattle due to the recent flooding--flooding that has probably been happening for thousands of years. Today, we can control this devastation, yet it continues to happen. I believe it is incumbent upon the government to step in and protect their lives and well-being.

We need to build real infrastructure in this country, and not pretend. I know that the cost of building one kilometre of road in the city will build ten kilometres of high-quality roads in the country! Our current crop of politicians and bureaucrats believe that patching up the sides of worn-out roads is building infrastructure. That's simply garbage!

Building real infrastructure may not solve all problems, but we can tame the wild excesses of nature, which the Greenies try to protect.

Look at the Chinese and what they are doing! In just nine years, the Chinese recently completed the world's longest sea-crossing bridge, some 55 kilometres long, the Hong-Kong-Zhuhai bridge. (It would take nine years here in Australia just for a feasibility study). Designed to withstand earthquakes and typhoons, it required the building of two artificial islands and nearly seven kilometres of undersea tunnels! This is an example of real infrastructure, and what we need here today.

Take for example the floods in Townsville earlier this year. Look at all that water that was just wasted. We have a drought in the south and floods in the north. We have the technical capacity to deal with some of the effects of these disasters and yet we do not seriously address the problems.

We need to build a scheme that the CEC has championed, the Bradfield Scheme. We need to take water from the North and channel and pipe it to where it can be used to offset drought. Many politicians, bureaucrats and the like, say this can't be done. If the Chinese can do it, we certainly can too.

This essential infrastructure can be funded by a government-owned national bank, a policy the CEC champions and has drafted legislation for. It will also ensure credit for other productive purposes. Our farmers, manufacturers and industries must be protected from the private banking system and their lust for mega-profits for their shareholders.

We can do a lot within this country, we just have to wake up and do it!

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