

We The People
Program 174
The National Memory



Good day to you. When children and grand children and even great grandchildren come along we remember so many things about our own early years and as these offspring grow we hand down to them fragments of ourselves and our culture, from our memory. It's a lovely process really and one to prize. If in later years the memory fails, those fragments remaining in our lineage and our offspring carry on the stories, traditions and values which maintain the Australian culture we rightly value. Memory and stories are crucial for a cohesive society and the Australian culture is founded on the **national memory** and evolves slowly as the years pass, just as our memory does. To lose the national memory or to displace it would be a national tragedy and morally reprehensible.

The latest intergenerational report forecasts an additional doubling of the population in about 50 years which is alarming, unwise and unnecessary. In the next 35 years alone Australia's population will escalate primarily through immigration from 24 million to a whopping 40 million by 2050 which is not so far away. Some argue this is a good thing but I don't. The economist will tell you we need more people to fund everything but that argument completely ignores the additional everything needed to support the bigger population and the exponential increase in government size to control and subjugate society because that's what bureaucracies do, they grow. Size matters but in tomorrow's world the smaller we are the better as the world's resources dwindle and our air and water quality diminish.

Nonetheless there is another unseen and dreadful loss awaiting us with this massive population growth. The casualty, which no one is forecasting, is the loss of the **national memory**. You can bet your life that a sudden and dramatic influx of immigrants in part, prevents Australia's culture from stabilising and those who propose it show scant regard for our way of life and belief structure. Swamping our population will also inundate the **national memory** which arguably contains the very essence of who we are. Understandably the new arrivals know nothing of us and our jaundiced preoccupation with multiculturalism. There is no requirement for new people to even take up those precious memories and traits that makes Australia truly Australian. I can see in 50 years ANZAC Day being questioned on relevance along with Christmas and Easter because the **national memory** has dimmed. We are told being a modern Australia requires tolerance and to be inclusive even at the expense of our culture and values. I can see our unique lingo changing where 'av-a-go-mate' is relegated to history and iconic symbols disappear because the **national memory** has been lost to a tsunami of new folk, understandably bringing their own memories.

This country's population must be capped as it's the driest continent on earth and our land and wildlife must not be plundered further. Who of you will tell me even now our precious way of life is not under threat because of alien religious beliefs or criminals taking advantage of our laconic if not naive and peaceful habits. There is a finite limit which the rest of the world has passed and we must not make the same mistake here. Using an economic argument to augment the loss of the **national memory** is ludicrous as we live in a community and not an economy. Money must not be the lowest common denominator else we become simply a human currency devoid of feeling and individual choice. Almost universally the listeners to 4CRB are prime examples of the repository of the *nation's memory* and therefore this demographic, that's we the people, have a responsibility to ensure Australia is ready for a crowded dangerous world where in 50 years life won't be the same. Relative contentment is here at the moment and the spirit holds countenance with us, so why should we tamper with the formula..... for what..... a few decades of balancing the books. I say **no** to this short term thinking which holds no value for the common folk of Australia and our future. We must change to value a mono-culture else we lose the **national memory** and we stop being Australian the way we know it. We must cap our population now to 25 million and to find other ways to balance the books in future years. *Lest we forget and lest we lose our collective identity.*

Until next time this is Kent Bayley.

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