



We The People  
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Good Day to you. Let's start with a few basic facts about Australia today. We live on the driest continent on earth where water is precious and where arable land is only 6% of the entire land mass. Australia has some of the most unique flora and fauna in the world. We enjoy relative freedom and democratic government and all the amenities of modern life and natural resources in abundance. By and large it's a pretty good place to live. So how are we managing this Shangri La down under. Well, we oversee the largest extinction of mammals on the planet, the clearing of forests at the rate of 5,000 square kilometres annually and currently 1,000 animal and plant species are in threat of extinction with the Koala at catastrophically low numbers. We are dramatically over governed and our young people have little hope of buying a home and jobs are hard to come by. Our diversity quotas, political correctness and regulations are suffocating. It seems our Australian culture and our ways are being high-jacked along with ethics and honesty and apparently older Australians who built this country, are now a burden on society.

So after all that what does the future hold. As far as I can see the sustainable population for Australia is about 20 million people. Currently we have nearly 25 million and rapidly increasing with 36 million expected in the next 30 years which is off course utter insanity. In fact it seems **without even a referendum** both major parties want a big Australia of at least 50 million people and as fast as possible. This makes no sense but in true political style it's backed up by shonky self-serving mathematics and notions of grandeur. Now enter the '**mega city**', based on very high living densities and the illogically simplistic mantra of its 'better to go up than out', it seems we must now settle for a lot lower living standard. The **mega city** attempts to emulate the false 'excitement' of the large cities internationally which are racked with violence, crime and poverty. A large city is oddly a lonely place for many and children must grow up indoors for the most part. All governments are telling us the car is evil and we must use public transport, well tell that to the very young or the aged and disabled or mothers with young children. Tell that to executives on rainy days or in the treacherous heat. The mega city is to be feared and the Gold Coast is well on its way to ruin and robbed of all its advantages by this notion of over-population. I am not even sure what makes a city a city but if you live in Sydney or Melbourne you might know and have to deal with outrageous property prices as the highest in the world and traffic congestion on an apocalyptic scale. One of the Gold Coast Councillors, Herman Vorster in 2016 is reported to have said... "***We don't need infrastructure, let's keep building high rise on the Gold Coast***". With that calibre of thinking we end up with gridlock not only on our roads but socially with our freedom, safety and mobility compromised. I can't think of a less competent thing to say and from someone who proposes they are '***protecting our life style***'. One thing we can all be sure of is that this Council seems not at all interested in people's lives and a free open society or in doing things in the public interest and appears to run an ad hoc city plan on the fly. Councillor Vorster's comments support this, in my view.

So let's refer to a great Australian in Dick Smith who recently joined a political party called **Sustainable Australia** as he believes we must curb population growth and he is right. I encourage you to read his views on line at the ***Sustainable Australia web site***. The dangers of over-population are immense and we owe it to our families to control this issue now. Just imagine with a mega city where the drinking water will come from. How do we cope with household waste and sewage. Where does the power come from let alone incremental climate change from all the extra people. Let me ask you straight my friends, do you want to live in a mega city...do you want this fragile country over populated .. ....do you want the Koala lost in a flurry of extinctions. Well I don't and we have to chuck out the idea of a big Australia because it creates huge unsolvable problems. Again I asked the drovers dog and he gets it so why can't the government. Australia must not be overpopulated by incompetent government which cannot manage money or our future. ***Mega cities, mega stupid.***

**Until next time this is Kent Bayley**