

We The People
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Good Day to you. I am sure you will know Richard Harold Smith, more commonly known as the bespectacled Dick Smith. I've met Dick a couple of times over the years, first at his early car radio shop at Gore Hill in Sydney then later in an event at radio 2GO in Gosford, where he debunked water divining. In the first instance I approached to see a pair of hairy legs protruding from a car he was fitting out with a radio which were rare in vehicles at the time. That was to be Dick Smith's way, boots and all and fully involved. We were both young then and to my amazement Dick is now 74 while I am so much younger. Dick Smith is the quintessential Australian and has **'been there done that'** in so many ways. From amateur radio operator, entrepreneur to helicopter pilot and adventurer, he has many accomplishments under his belt and has been recognised with a Companion of the Order of Australia. He is truly fair-dinkum with this nation at heart.

There are however two primary reasons I respect Dick and acknowledge him today. The first is his remarkable and completely logical stand on high immigration levels into Australia and the damage this is doing to our country which is the driest continent on earth. We are over-populating our land through utterly unsustainable population growth and Dick Smith is absolutely right in his warnings and general stand on the subject. The second reason is his venture into food retailing which not surprisingly is called Dick Smith Foods. The company's mission statement sums up the reasons why Dick started the business and I quote.... *"Dick Smith Foods markets a range of food products that are best of category in taste and quality and are made in Australia, by Australian- owned companies. We believe this is important because it provides employment for Australians and all the profits remain here, helping the future of our country. Dick Smith Foods supports products which are produced by Australian- owned businesses, which are Australian grown and made, and those Australian- owned companies which operate in a highly ethical manner"*. Now in my view this is a terrific philosophy for business and in the years it's been running all profits have been given to charity which is in excess of \$10 million dollars.

Now here's the rub. Dick Smith has announced he is closing down the business because he simply can't compete with companies like Aldi. He doesn't find fault with Aldi as such in terms of competition but decries their operation when it comes to employees, wages and support for Australian farmers. His plight is living proof of the consequences of capitalism in overdrive. When huge conglomerates move in, smaller business is left adrift and dies and this is just one of the problems with globalism. It appears to me Aldi is disinterested in Australian workers, farmers and growers as their profits go back to their German owners. We all look for the best deals because we must but when we bypass a Dick Smith Foods product or similar we are committing a kind of customer treason knowing the little guy will fail because we do not respect or support them. In other words, the reason Dick Smith has closed his food operation is because we the Australian people turn our backs on our own businesses and farmers and while Dick Smith won't say it, I will. So soon his own unique and cheeky brands will disappear like his version of Red Head matches called Dick Head and similarly Temptin biscuits and Ozemite spread. Just to prove the point about how we are treasonous, the top most respected companies in Australia today are Netflix, YouTube and Aldi and that says it all **as perception becomes reality**. In many ways our borders are open and free for all, as our retailers and manufacturers collapse and our culture disintegrates. We must buy Australian products whenever we can and in doing so I thank Dick Smith for his generosity and his patriotism.

Until next time this is Kent Bayley