

## **We The People**

### Program 23 Power Corrupts



Political corruption is something most of us abhor and we suspect it comes in many forms. However there is much more to corruption than just politics including a degrading of the fabric of society and the loss of democratic freedoms including free speech. When we lose our basic inalienable rights it's a travesty of justice on a massive scale and yet in Australian democracy we seem to let this happen more and more each day. It often occurs by stealth and unless we are vigilant our rights are frittered away through good people doing nothing. This is happening at all levels of government right at this moment and it's a measurable loss for all of us and especially our children and grand children.

Our basic religious rights are being set aside too as the system highlights one religion over all others all in the name of equality and understanding even though that religion does not believe in the separation of powers. By this I mean the Parliament, the judiciary and the executive and I would add religion with some focus on Christianity. The reason I include this is because of the basic tenet of the Ten Commandments through our system which give an anchor point to society. These rules have stood the test of time as a very honourable way to live regardless of one's personal beliefs and our laws are based on them. This other nameless religion does not fit comfortably into our history or our culture and its values are often completely opposed to what we believe to be basic human rights. The mere fact that I choose not mention that religion by name is testimony to the corruption and loss of freedom of speech where our freedom is now being used against us.

The misuse of power can be identified at all levels of society and one only has to look at the antics of federal government at the moment to see that the peoples representatives are utterly incompetent and simply not working for us. The current pious moralising and sickening pomposity of the PM and the front bench represents a corruption of the duty of care they have been given by 'we the people'. How dare they play games in our time and with our money especially after recently receiving a 40% pay increase. At state level the Premier sees fit to actually claim under parliamentary privilege that Campbell Newman will eventually go to gaol and that's a corruption of privilege which is to be condemned. At a local level we have Computergate and a City Council which at best is inept and wasteful especially when you consider they are now importing consultants from overseas to work on this ill-conceived computer software. They are paying one consultant \$1400 per day to 'work on' the change from Alconex, while the cost of this process is still kept secret and hidden from us and that's a corruption of authority and common sense. This Council's systems and processes will never work properly and ongoing waste is unavoidable while the Council has the legal ability to operate in secret and ignore us. Life liberty and the pursuit of happiness cannot exist with systemic corruption.

Tragically the Council's CEO has an enormous amount of unilateral power along with the keys to the exchequer. It's our money and that power has been devolved to the CEO by our abdicating Councillors and that's a corruption of process and good governance. Shame on them and shame on them for voting on many matters they do not understand. How much longer are 'we the people' going to accept this behaviour and I long for real leaders to emerge at all levels of government to address and correct this deplorable state of affairs. Soon you will have the privilege to vote and do so with your fellow Australian in mind. At a local level vote for new blood because we need a political transfusion now to save our standard of living and to stop the organised corruption of good governance and our civil liberties. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

**Until next time this is Kent Bayley**