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Dear Sir / Madam,

With reference to the Federal Inquiry into the causes and effect of mature age unemployment, I wish to submit the following.

At 59, I know how much things have changed, being born in England during W.W.2, I have been through the limiting restrictions under war - time rationing. I have known the better days of the 50s the good times of the 60's and 70's, the the destruction of opportunity, jobs, security and back to the poverty of the 80's and 90's.

My employment history to date, 17 yr.'s. in the Royal Air Force from apprenticeship, to S.N.C.O., Deep Submersible Pilot, Commercial Diver for N.Z.E.D.(New Zealand), to rebuilding Helicopters.

Overhauling large Allison automatic transmissions, bus and coach building, to more recently, the Electronic Games Industry. Made a victim of redundancy, so back to unemployed.

In many way's I have been lucky, I have travelled, seen many countries, picked the jobs that I have wanted out of the dozens that used to be available, and generally never been out of work.

How many of the last two generations can say the same. Many will never know what it is like to have a permanent job, never mind pick the job that they want.

They will never have the security of a permanent job and the benefits that brings. The satisfaction of earning the income to buy the comforts of life, even the basics.

Many are escaping the harsh reality of no future through the use of drugs and turning to crime to finance and support the habit.

Again I am fortunate, I have not turned to drugs, just anger at the destruction of this once great country. Angry at the reasons why I perceive this has happened.

Greed and lust for power by Big Business and politicians.

Treachery against the population, by people the population did trust in the past and at the present time.

For at least the last 25 years.

Unemployment, we can thank a perfidious U.N. agreement for that, called the LIMA agreement, the result of the second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation, March 12-26 1975.

Instigated by Whitlam, taken over by Fraser, then the Hawke/Keating duo increased the tempo of Transfer of Technology and Knowledge, from Australia to the "Third World" countries. At the expense of the Australian manufacturing industry, and the Australian people. The agreement is too long to go into full detail but we are now suffering the consequences, still.

Over half of Australia's manufacturing industry destroyed.

Importing what we USED to make, create, manufacture, losing jobs decreasing exports increasing imports etc. you do not have to be an economic genius to realise the result.

In 1970 we had approximately 300,000 farmers ; How many now, and the destruction continues, even to-day.

Even a brain dead politician should know that if you destroy the basics structure of your economy, like the manufacturing and farming industry we sink, are they that stupid, OR DON'T THEY CARE?

May be they are just 'good dog's', doing what they are told ?

But by who? They certainly do not listen to the citizens of this country.

Maybe they are just puppet's, someone else 'jerking' their strings. Once more, it's not the people they should be listening to?

This trend still continues with Howard, to-day. "I will never sell off TELSTRA". Now he wants to sell of the rest of it. An asset paid for by the Australian Tax payer, a REVENUE producing asset.

How do we replace the revenue Telstra and other publicly owned assets ( now sold) produce? Increase taxes, have a G.S.T.?

Tax "reform". Is the G.S.T just another form of enslavement to further burden the average Australian?

If Howard truly wanted tax reform why not REPEAL the 1953 Double Tax Bill ? How many TRILLIONS have been taken out of this country TAX FREE by the Multinationals, a few individuals?

No, we can't do that, can't upset the puppeteers pulling the strings, can't have Australia becoming wealthy and paying off it's total national debt and running at a profit. Even worse, the people may have money to spend, that would stimulate the economy, create jobs and industries, for the Multinationals would lose some profit!

People would no longer have to rely on hand outs from the government they would be independent, but we can't have that can we?

Even recently, Howard was on the verge of giving the control of this country over to the Multinationals via the Multilateral Agreement on Investment, another United Nations 'GEM'. How many other such agreements have been signed similar to that, behind closed doors without public consent?

Why do I think I am un-employed? for all or many of the above reasons. The manufacturing industry has been decimated, gone overseas, cheap labour, closed down, cannot compete.

1,000's of job's and apprenticeships lost, possibly gone for ever. Many technically trained mature persons could have been utilised in passing on the skills and knowledge and years of experience training the youth of to-day.

Small business, an other area that the mature person sort after when close to, or at retirement age, also gone. Small business, private individuals committing themselves to generate income for their families, and for the families of employees, another area of decimation.

Economic rationalism/Competition - catch phrases to con the public. How can any small business person compete on prices, in a price war with the Big Business's? They to, soon become the victim of 'rationalism'.

The Keating/Hawke draconian attack on business, via oppressive taxes, destroyed more job opportunities, and the business's too in a lot of cases. Howard has retained most of them.

The collusion of both major parties to blindly follow intent -ionally destructive policies, have reduced this once 'LUCKY' country, to a Banana Republic - Keating had his way.

Talking of Republics, another way for the minority groups to take control, as do some ethnic organisations, our Indigenous' militant groups.

What happened to Australia, one country, one set of rules and laws for all? We are ALL supposed to be Australian's yet we are a nation that has by stealth been divided. When or where will it stop?

If you care for your country you are labelled 'RED NECK'. A right wing extremist, yet those who are responsible for the demise of our country are for what they are, 'Left Wing' extremist, one pace from Communism, Socialist! Wasn't Russia a member of a group of Socialist States?

I came to Australia to be AUSTRALIAN, to what was one of the greatest countries in the world, with great people. To try and give my children and future

grandchildren an opportunity for a better future than most of the world had to offer. Australia should be a far better country than it is now, but it is worse than ever, thanks to those we have elected, and have abused our trust.

My children have now become victims of Economic Rationalism, a declining standard of living, a reduction of the hope and dreams of the future that I once had.

If I appear to be annoyed, angry I am, there is a word for the type of person that would do what the Political Parties of this country have done to there women, countrymen, and women.

This country SHOULD have, practically full employment, the pride it's people had in being an Australian, and living where they do, in what used to be the Lucky country, the best country in the World.

We had the satisfaction of doing a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, and were happy to do it and to be doing it.

Now, not many jobs , not much hope for the future.

There are cures, but we need people with a genuine concern for Australia and the population, of all colours and creeds, to put AUSTRALIA first , not the Multinationals, Globalisation, or the greed of the minorities.

In God we trust for the restoration of this country, and for justice to prevail.

Sincerely,

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