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**INQUIRY INTO GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN
SERVICES AND AUSTRALIA/US FREE TRADE AGREEMENT**

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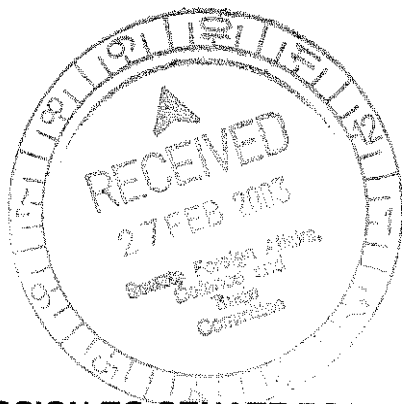
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**SUBMISSION TO SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE :**

As a concerned Australian Citizen, I am sending this submission and information to your Committee to demand that the Government cease participation in the negotiations to implement the General Agreement on Trade in Services (G.A.T.S.).

To allow Global Corporations open access to Australia, and to privatise Australian Government services is a threat to this Nation's Sovereignty, national security and against the general welfare of the people.

Since 1973, I have observed that Australia is being set up as a safe-haven by the International "power-elite" (who control world finance) because of increasing chaos and the threat of nuclear, chemical or biological warfare in the Northern Hemisphere.

Australia is a good place to survive physically and to oversee a World Government set-up. G.A.T.S. is about Australia being further re-structured into a "Corporate State" and the people being disempowered and controlled.

When nations lose financial sovereignty, they are soon taken over. Presently the Federal and State governments function as administrators of I.M.F., World Bank and W.T.O. policies on behalf of the "power-elite" who control world finance and commerce and are hell-bent on controlling populations and exploiting people and resources.

Free Trade, bank de-regulation, globalisation, privatisation, GST and GATS are examples of "power-elite" policies being imposed on the Australian people.

There is no need to privatise essential public services to retire debt. Finance can easily be made available through Treasury, the Reserve Bank or a new Australian Development Bank to fund essential infrastructure and public services such as water, Australia Post, health-care, education etc., at minimal cost to taxpayers.

The Australian Government and the major political parties are being used as a tool of the "power-elite". Nothing in life happens by chance.

In order for the Australian people to regain some faith in Government, I believe that sovereignty and national security must not be further eroded.

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Even former Chief Justices of the High Court, Sir Anthony Mason and Sir Ninian Stephen have called for public debate on the way the Federal Government enters into legally binding overseas treaties (see attached page).....

The sell-out of Australia to overseas interests is treachery, and Section 44(i) of the Constitution states : *"Any person who is under any acknowledgement of allegiance, obedience or adherence to a foreign power, or is a subject or a citizen or entitled to the rights or priveleges of a subject or a citizen of a foreign power shall be incapable of being chosen or of sitting as a senator or member of the House of Representatives"*.

Can any Australian politician or bureaucrat give me an absolute guarantee that our government services will not be controlled in any way by foreign countries or corporations if G.A.T.S. is implemented ?

To "shoot the messenger" and not listen to the message does not dispose of the problem. The outcome of the W.T.O. / G.A.T.S. negotiations will serve notice upon the Australian people, as to just whose interests are to be served by the implementation of G.A.T.S.

Yours Sincerely,

Bernie Bourke

Public debate call on treaties

By FIA CUMMING



Sir Ninian Stephen

THE Federal Government should urgently review the way it enters into legally-binding overseas treaties, according to two former chief justices of the High Court.

Sir Anthony Mason and the former Chief Justice and Governor-General, Sir Ninian Stephen, have both called for public debate on the way the treaties are affecting Australian law.

A decision by the High Court this month indicated that treaties have force in domestic law from the moment they are signed.

It had previously been assumed that treaties only became legally binding after they were written into legislation.

The High Court ruled that a decision to deport Malaysian Ah Hin Teoh and refuse his permanent residency application did not take into account the impact of his Australian-born children and was inconsistent with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Overseas treaties are also the subject of an inquiry by the Senate's Legal and Constitutional References Committee.

Sir Anthony said the procedures by which the

Government entered into conventions or treaties were "a matter worthy of discussion".

"The level of consultation which is requisite or desirable before the Federal Government may enter into a treaty is (also) a relevant matter for consideration," Sir Anthony said.

Sir Ninian has also warned that national governments were losing their sovereignty because of treaties.

In a recent lecture reported in *Australian Lawyer*, Sir Ninian said the problem was worse in Westminster-style governments like Australia where the executive (cabinet) alone could make treaties.

"Parliament has no formal, constitutional role in the process," Sir Ninian said.

"Treaty-making is an exercise of prerogative, not requiring parliamentary sanction."

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Our Constitution allows for an Australian-owned bank – let's use it

The time has come for the people of Australia to demand that a Development Bank be established to free the Government and the country from the shackles of the commercial banks which are owned, controlled and manipulated by international profit making financiers who do not pay tax in this country. The CEC (Citizens Electoral Council) P.O. Box 376, Coburg Victoria, has recently issued a national petition

urgently demanding that the Parliament begin immediate moves toward near-term establishment of a new national bank. In an interview with Will Bailey, former head of the ANZ Bank, in News Weekly, Dec. 1, 2001, it is clear that a Government backed development bank is desperately needed in Australia as well as a national enquiry into the effect banking deregulation has had on our financial institutions. In his interview he expresses "In other countries there are different banks with different charters providing different services to different sections in the community. A few are extremely large and have impressive track records. Currently there is no such institution in Australia. A development bank could assist a person with a good business idea but without substantial assets.

at person may need a couple of years to get the business off the ground. Interest and repayments would be tailored to the expected cash flow of the business... Over its 30 year period of operation, the now defunct Commonwealth Development Bank, a victim of bank deregulation, helped in the establishment of almost 400,000 new businesses." On the subject of an inquiry needed into bank deregulation he states that, "What we need is an unbiased community-based inquiry into the effect of deregulation which is now 16 years old, and a review is therefore timely and should specifically cover the need for a community-owned (government) development bank, the impact of deregulation on smaller communities and the level of services available to the less well off. Political parties need to acknowledge that think tanks, political advisors and party

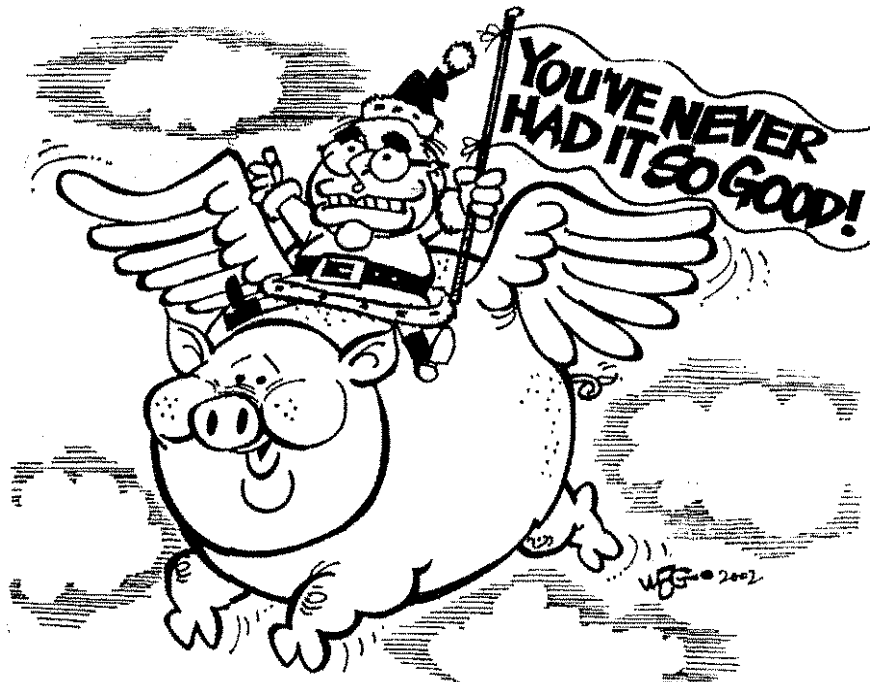
members may not constitute the best source of knowledge and wisdom on this subject. We need grassroots input from ordinary citizens as well as vested interests if we are to satisfy the community's expectations of justice for shareholders, staff and customers as well as the development of this great country."

In fact, Will Bailey forgot to mention how easy it would be to establish such a bank. Just by using the "fractional reserve banking" system implemented by all commercial banks the Government could issue 95% of credit money only using 5% of cash reserves. This credit could be interest free as the government would be receiving cash back for the credit it has allocated. Governments can create and issue money to meet the community's needs. Section 51 of the Australian Constitution specifically authorises the Australian Government to make laws with respect to banking and the issue of money. Remember the words of international banker Meyer Amschel Rothschild, "Give me the right to issue and control a nation's money and I care not who governs the country." It is

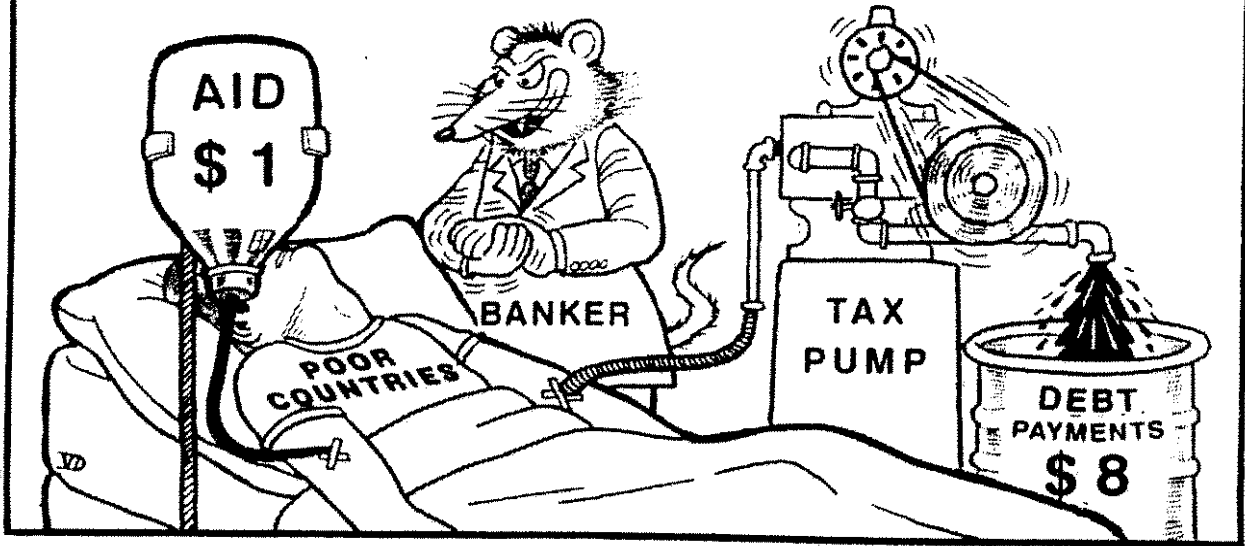
time for every Australian to rally against this right which the Government has given to the international commercial bankers and claim it as our own. The government should not have to borrow from any international commercial bank when it has the first right to issue and control the supply of its own money.

BHP

BHP – probably the saddest thing for many Australians – was made to look like a merger in Australia, but finally the South Africans seemed to come out on top. And it's had a very bad effect on the availability of steel in Australia. This doesn't stand well for the future. Because anyone thinking about the future with any wisdom must realise that we've got a lot of building to do in this country and if there's anything we need to do that, it's plenty of steel. It would be a frightening situation if we had to buy from offshore, when we have the ore and the equipment right now in Australia.



For every dollar flowing as aid to poor countries each year, \$8 are sent back in debt payments.





Seven Sequences of Civilization

The following was written by Professor Alexander Tyler over 200 years ago when England's thirteen original colonies were still part of Great Britain. At the time he was writing of the fall of the Athenian republic over 2,000 years earlier, but even a cursory glance at his words would convince us he was writing of our times:

"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves a generous gift from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence:



From Bondage to Spiritual Faith;

From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage;

From Courage to Liberty;

From Liberty to Complacency;

From Complacency to Apathy;

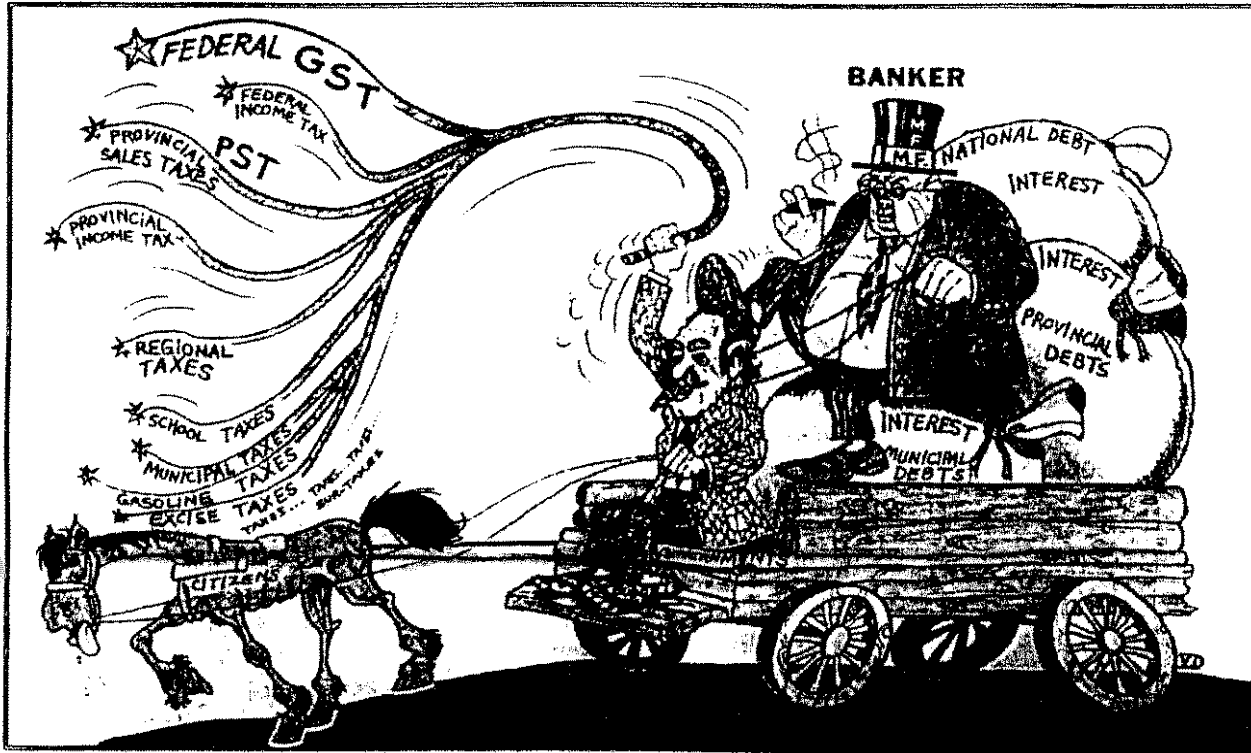
From Apathy to Dependency;

From Dependency back again into Bondage."



Australia is now over 200 years old. Where do you think she stands in the sequence?

Governments, instead of whipping the people, whip the banker



Our Government must create its own money instead of borrowing it at interest from private banks

