



Why leave gods Country. (Australia)

It is an offense -:

To fill in an application to send a telegram in Pencil.

To rent or lend your holiday shack you must hold a licensee as an approved establishment for accommodation.

Fireworks are banned and you need a permit to take your kids fishing.

We have a tax on writing out a cheque to pay a creditor

Where is my share in TELECOM after all the tax payer originally funded this ex Government operation - The again Autrlains have given-up or can't be bothered with the bureaucracy.

In Thailand to qualify for a new Australain Passport ONLY a Thai driving License is acceptable , a license form Singapore Australia or even cambodia IS NOT ACCEPTABLE (There no corruption in Thailand?)

In establishing a free market capitalist bases economy the energy and ingenuity of its people are its most important resources, this is not the case within Australia

Ingenuity by Australians has world wide respect and it is often the case that the rewards are reaped outside of Australia as is the recognition, these are untold examples within agriculture industrialization, medicine, technology and the arts

Laureates may well be perceived as Australian because of birth and education but the dynamics to achieve world recognition are destroyed within the fabric of the Australian system of legislation and bureaucracy.

The tall poppy syndrome is quite unique to Australia it is my belief that from federation (1901) consecutive governments year upon year allow the expansion of the bureaucracy that leaves Australian in a state "why try I only get taxed more on my efforts"

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Given that even the pettiest of bureaucrats must have some legislation to enforce , to justification of there own existence.

This has and continues to stifle the "can do attitude" of most Australian's or the remaining Australian's who refuse to fall into the status quo as it would seem to be a prerequisite of the Governments policy at all levels if you wish to remain in Australia

Did we see through the late 1950's 60's ,70's and very early 80's persons either born in Australian or migrants build up commercial empires with a world presence that produce something tangible.

Why are there no longer these Australian born that grow into the successes of the past

One needs to look back into the extremes of Government or "over Government" in the early 70's may provide the answers.

I can with a degree of confusion and bitterness relate my own experiences.

Born and raised with a a free enterprise family (small business engineering) on a remote Island one is instilled from childhood the need to overcome and prevail, one grows through childhood and youth to fully comprehend the work ethic- harder work equates to more capital or cash in reality this is not the case because of Australian societies tendency to see all as equal or as claimed by the government's, where in reality it is a simple and socially acceptable practice that increases the government revenue by taxing high income generators.

Persons with installed wishes always will gravitate to a larger more populated location where there is a greater flexibility to use these skills.

I gravitated to Australia (Mainland) in 1969 and took a menial position (I believed menial) as a statistics compiler (Clerk) for International Harvester Company Limited Port Road South Melbourne. I was to replace a guy who had been there since the war days or even prior to the war (I can't exactly recall)

I worked a second job in Little Collins street - a takeaway.

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All the while trying to figure out the lay of the land

In 1972 I believed I had it figured and used my savings to start a private business - Registered as G F Hay & Associates Quantity Surveys and Estimators.

This commercial endeavor once part time soon became my sole occupation, I soon employed a young Italian boy Joe Defasio (I have no idea where he is now)

Very quickly I had a booming operation , I purchased a small punch Card Computer and devised a computer program to run the quantities -my charge for Mr. A.V. Jennings was A\$120.00 per house for the volume of materials need to build each house

Soon I was doing bills a quantities for several commercial builders and construction companies in Victoria and South Australia.

In these endeavors Mr. Cleary and Mr. AV Jenning asked if I could build houses other than standard designs.

This where governments kill off enterprise with-out regard , I constructed many magnificent homes , this I now understand upsets the status quo - The SA Government legislates to require home builders to be licensed and to have 7 years practical experience I had only 3.

If you build with-out a licensee the owner has no legal obligation to pay the said un - licensed builder

I can go onto show where my further efforts in following my desire to be the means to my own destiny where hampered by changing legislation and a system of bureaucracy gone mad.

Thus I believe you will find that the Australian's who decide to try greener pastures out side there home land will have in there closet a story similar to tell.

They have left because of the cradle to grave bureaucracy the failure of this bureaucracy to support those remaining Australian who still have the can -do attitude.

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If you look into Asia you will see where all are given every opportunity to develop and mature there own commercial endeavors and stringent bureaucracy as example Singapore still allowed a complete "hands off" approach to enterprise

The benefits are simple what you earn you keep, even in Singapore where there is a cost(Tax) for everything even parking at the beach or having a simple car radio, the rewards from your efforts you are allowed to keep.

At the other end of the scale Cambodia where even the BIG Australian will not go - Dangerous- I would like to see what the Irish guy "Paddy" who discovered Broken Hill had to say about danger.

You are not the subject of sniggering or an invasion of bureaucrats inquiring into how did you get this or prove how you did that or how can you have that. (I don't have one so you can't)

Mind you the risks are bankruptcy , jail for dud cheque, expulsion., detention if you trip-up in your endeavors, where in Australia Bankruptcy is the easy escape and then social welfare, the latter is non existent here in Asia.

My own creation has won several awards it is the Asian . you are firstly congratulate, it is the Asians who make inquiries as to the circumstances and can you help me with such and such, an Australian might mention the success over a beer more often than not because of Australian Government induced mind set nothing is said even from the local Ambassador.

Press coverage in Asia is very valuable as a small enterprise we from time to time get an article into the press again its the Asian who firstly respond with the congratulations not the Australian Community and certainly not the Ambassador.

Clearly the mind-set of the Australian Government is away from getting behind the core of its existence - people and there endeavors.

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Concerns

Bureaucrats on overseas postings at an early time soon discover that these entire existence resolves around themselves,

- Where to buy the latest style of "Safari suit"
- Where is the best drinking hole
- Which restaurant gives biggest discount
- How to best utilize the frequent flyer miles
- How to best utilize the Embassy car and driver to "explore "
- Up country and local overseas junkets to suit them not Commerce

How to get the best tax free car one can manager, we have a current Ambassador who refuses to support Australian Industry he has a BMW

We have Senior consular official who has a BMW red roadster, something even with my benefits I could not contemplate

We have consular & embassy officials driving around in a Country that produces no motor vehicles that are not of Australian production. WHY are these officials not out their to promote Australian expertise

We have trade Commissions who arrange commercial junkets that a designed to his own wishes , visiting tourist sights

We have Ambassadors who NEVER arrange commercial activities to enhance Australian's presence in S E ASIA

We have consular staff who never wish to engage themselves in Commercial problems -That's private enterprise not a government affair even when the funding is from Australia.

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We are registered with the various embassy but in 15 years WE HAVE NEVER received a notice to legislation that would materially effect myself or my children.

These failures result in considerable cost and disruption -ie the medicare changes we discovered this in 2002

We as general members of The Australian Thai Chamber of Commerce are aware of Embassy briefings (monthly) but we are banned or prohibited from attending and we are never advised of commercial details.

We are examined in every orifice when we return home WHY- because "you have been in Asia to long" (Quote)- This is reversal of current and past government policy - get into Asia.

I understood that it is for the benefit of the tax payers the existence of a bureaucracy not the bureaucracy to benefit its self or without the tax payer there is in bureaucracy

We see human nature at work in bureaucrats "how to" best take advantage of the circumstance, I would do the same , but before doing so I would make sure I was serving my employers (The tax payers) in a way that best suited them.

I think the statement in the recent past from a Thai Government Minister (Ministry of Commerce) best sums up the lack of support - "I am sick of Australian Business men coming to me for assistance and advise"

Measure by Others.

There is in reality no measure of assistance in commercial endeavor offered by third countries other than inducement's to establish there-in as as opposed somewhere else. (another Country as opposed to that country)

You cannot expect it to be otherwise, we are competing against each other and for a Government to think in this fashion indicates a naive attitude or bureaucratic indifference to commercial reality.

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The host country facilities are efforts to garner more capital, more know-how and more taxation revenues from a foreign operations and nothing more

Better use of expatriates to Promote

Get bureaucrats to establish a mind-set that is towards Australian's actively engaged in non government activities.

Utilize Australians with real on ground, in country experiences OUTSIDE of government, if need be pay a stipend to these expatriates to promote activities that generate revenue and expose to Australian and Australia.

Off course if the Government is to fund this and thus the incumbent is from the first day of hire is a bureaucrat and subject to the rules of his or her engagement and the benefits the person will soon understand that can be taken by towing the line.

To conclude any benefits and personnel gains from the risks taken in South East Asia will turn into a nightmare upon returning to Australia with these benefits, an example is my 80 foot yacht that I built over a 4 year period, and on the Australian Shipping Registry is a taxable item even though it was a hobby to avoid alcoholic poisoning, prostitution and boredom.

Where is the benefit to those who risk it with overseas endeavors, in the hands of 9 to 5, 5 day per week suburban know nothing bureaucracy that wishes Australians to get into Asia.

They the benefits from effort are currently not in Australia where they should be these benefits and advancements made by individuals and Corporations from there successes in Asia.


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