UN AGENDA 21 (AG21) IN BRIEF (video 1, video 2)

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- AG21 is a foreign United Nations (UN) program aimed at controlling all aspects of people's lives. It reduces or eliminates individual human rights such as private property rights (1, 2, 3, 4). AG21 is a UN program adopted by the Keating government in 1992, later ratified by the Howard government, & implemented by successive federal, state & local governments of all political persuasions ever since. In 20 years of implementation, neither of the two major political parties has declared AG 21 as official policy, nor given voters a democratic choice.
- AG21 is an attempt to undemocratically enforce upon Australians a 'foreign solution' for what are termed "sustainability" issues. It is vitally important to understand that AG21 is undemocratic. It is an imported agenda that has been designed by, & its implementation monitored by, a foreign agency (the UN). Control must be increasingly surrendered to the UN & its foreign agencies with absolutely no limits being placed upon this process.
- AG21 is a blank cheque with no clearly defined goals & no clearly defined limits regarding costs, legislative changes, loss of sovereignty, as well as loss of individual rights & democracy.
- Implementation of Agenda 21 around the world has been monitored by the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD). Participating countries are required to report back to the UN on a regular basis (5, 5a, 5b, 6, 7, 8). The CSD, which included despotic dictators from other countries, has been overseeing Australia's compliance! The CSD however, is now being dissolved to be replaced by a high level political forum (25) to be established in 2013, as described in the Rio+20 document, The Future We Want (sections 84-86), while ECOSOC will become responsible for sustainability & Agenda 21. The Australian government approves of these changes.
- The guiding principle behind AG21 is a belief in Gaia or ecocentrism (22, 23, 24), or the supremacy of the rights of plants & the environment (26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35) & an abandonment of traditional anthropocentrism (36). In other words, rights are progressively transferred from humans to plants & the environment with the result that private property rights are being surrendered, piece by piece (37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43).
- Two fundamental concepts upon which AG21 is based are intragenerational equity & intergenerational equity.
 - a) Intragenerational equity states that common goods such as nature, environment, the ecosystem & therefore private property, must be shared amongst all. No one has exclusive rights of ownership (44, 45, 46, 47). According to the principle of intragenerational equity, the rights of those who have less may be used to take from those who have more, simply because of this disparity & not because of the existence of any legal debt.
 - b) Intergenerational equity grants equal rights to those who may exist in the future but who are not yet born (44, 45, 46, 47). With this bold new sense of 'justice' an assumption is made that the actions of one or more persons currently in existence will somehow reduce the quality of life of one or more persons who do not yet exist! Of course we should all be mindful of our responsibility to care for the environment, but to legally convict a perpetrator when the victim cannot be named, does not exist, & his/her degree of suffering cannot be determined, is an astonishing corruption of traditional legal & moral principles. Yet, this has now become reality.
- Under Chapter 28 of Agenda 21 the UN established Local Agenda 21 or LA 21 for implementation by local councils around the world (48, 49, 50, 51,52,53, 54, 55,56, 57, 58, 59). Though Chapter 28 of Agenda 21 suggests that "each local authority should enter into a dialogue with its citizens, local organizations & private enterprises & adopt a local Agenda 21", in practice the public has largely

been kept ignorant of AG 21 & has been denied a democratic choice by councils & governments around Australia. These concepts are currently being used by councils & state governments in Australia to tie up land use with regulations, LEP's, zonings & green tape so that private landholders are progressively losing control of their land, with resultant loss in land value. In Australia, the <u>Australian Local Government Association</u> declared their firm commitment to implementation of Agenda 21 (50) in the <u>Sustaining our Communities Declaration</u> in 2002.

• Implementation of LA21 is also promoted by ICLEI, the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, the name now being changed to Local Governments for Sustainability. In fact, Section 7.21 of Agenda 21, specifically recommends involvement with ICLEI. According to Maurice Strong in the Local Agenda 21 Planning Guide, "The task of mobilizing & technically supporting Local Agenda 21 planning in these communities has been led by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) & national associations of local government." ICLEI supports the "Cities for Climate Protection Campaign & the Local Agenda 21 Initiative."

• The UN Tentacles of ICLEI in Local Councils

ICLEI "will continue connecting cities and local governments to the United Nations and other international bodies" and ICLEI will "serve as a global entry point for cities and local governments to engage with the United Nations and international and national policy processes" and will "pursue more radical solutions." ICLEI will "Advocate direct access to climate finance and other funds by local governments and an inversion of climate finance mechanisms to enable the implementation of needsdriven local development."

<u>ICLEI will</u> promote "Management of global environmental goods" such as" Climate, Biodiversity, Water, Food." In other words, ICLEI intends to convert them to controllable tradeable commodities. <u>ICLEI will</u> promote "Municipal planning and management" or, in other words, they will help councils control land use.

<u>ICLEI will</u> promote Local Agenda 21, that is, ICLEI will continue to assist councils to undemocratically implement foreign UN monitored sustainability programs.

<u>ICLEI will</u> "Maintain and enhance <u>ecosystems services</u>" and "Promote the global implementation of "<u>The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) chapter for Local and Regional Decision Makers</u>" developed under UNEP."

<u>ICLEI will</u> also "Continue Local Government climate advocacy through the Local Government Climate Roadmap. Continue supporting and acting as Secretariat of the World Mayors Council on Climate Change." No need for scientific evidence—no exit strategy if cooling continues.

ICLEI will "Develop EcoMobility program modules" to help councils get rid of cars.

<u>ICLEI will</u> "Support local governments in introducing a local "happiness index" drawing on the Kingdom of Bhutan's experiences with replacing the GDP through "Gross National Happiness".

- Many authorities prefer to mislead the public by avoiding the term "Agenda 21", using instead terms such as (60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65) "sustainability", "smart growth", "growth management", "local environmental plans" or Sustainable Development 21 or SD21 (66, 66b, 67, 68, 69). Some local authorities have also changed the name of Local Agenda 21 to 'Local Climate Strategy' (66, 66a, 66b). The United Nations Sustainable Cities program is yet another spin off of Local Agenda 21 & the UN Habitat agenda (70, 71, 72, 73, 74). Deliberate deception or failure to fully inform the public is fundamental to the success of the program (75, 76).
- Some local authorities overseas are now moving to ban Agenda 21 because of its fundamentally undemocratic regressive nature & the threat it poses to basic human rights, not least, our property rights (9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 79).

According to the Preamble to Agenda 21 (77, 78), Australians can only have "improved living standards", a "more prosperous future" & "managed ecosystems", if we form a "global partnership", a partnership of course which will ultimately be under the control of one global authority. By ourselves we are doomed to failure according to Agenda 21 (77, 78). Chapter 8.31 of Agenda 21 states that countries are required to (80) "incorporate environmental costs in the decisions of producers & consumers, to reverse the tendency

to treat the environment as a 'free good' & to pass these costs on to other parts of society, other countries, or to future generations." This is described in Agenda 21 as a (80) "fundamental objective."

Agenda 21 & LA 21, inspired by Mikhail Gorbachev & Maurice Strong who formed the original Earth Charter, amounts to a global power grab & land grab to control & outlaw private land ownership and every aspect of human life (81, 82, 83, 84, 85), and is driven by global elitists (86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91).

Ratepayers & ordinary Australians will be increasingly required to fund local UN Agenda 21 schemes & 'green' programs with growing rates & taxes such as the CO2 tax. However, these funds will be diverted AWAY from local infrastructure projects to further the global ambitions of the UN, not least their stated goals of central World Governance. The welfare and standard of living of Australians will need to be sacrificed to satisfy the dictates of the global rulers. Agenda 21 is even dictating standards of sustainable tourism with <u>Green Globe 21</u> (92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97), Joe Hockey, then Minister for Tourism, awarding the first Green Globe certification in the world in 2002 (93).

But Agenda 21 is increasingly <u>being exposed in Australia</u>. Australian politicians have consistently attempted to <u>shut the debate down</u> by consistently denying any knowledge of Agenda 21 or <u>denying it is being implemented</u>. However, they have also explained that <u>covert or embedded policies do not need to be openly declared</u>.

Since Agenda 21 is a bipartisan policy of 20 years duration amongst all 3 levels of government throughout Australia, clearly it is the most massive policy initiative ever undertaken in the history of Australian federation. Given this fact it is absolutely astounding, if not criminal, that the public largely remain uninformed and ignorant of the purpose, costs, and end goals, of this policy. The public have only been informed by a "tokenistic" program if at all. These facts illustrate the politician's definition of democracy, as below.

DEFINITION OF DEMOCRACY, COURTESY OF AUSTRALIAN POLITICIANS

Firstly, we the politicians declare there will be two fundamental groups of policies.

- 1. Declared policies, openly publicised during election campaigns and designed to win votes.
- **2.** Covert or undeclared policies. These policies represent our real agenda, but it is vitally important they be concealed from the people, especially during election campaigns, due to their abhorrent, undemocratic, unpopular, nature.

Democracy is when we, the politicians, choose a few minor popular policies, from our group 1 vote winning policies, so we can effectively distract the people while we implement our covert or major policies.

EXAMPLE:

For 20 years we have kept the population distracted with red herrings while we obey our colleagues in the UN and effectively implement our undemocratic covert policies around Australia, and at all levels of government. This has enabled us to effectively implement a policy far bigger than any other policy. It is a policy of 20 years duration. It is a bipartisan policy implemented by all 3 levels of government around Australia. It has penetrated from Canberra to local communities everywhere. It shapes our legal system, our economic system, our environmental system, our political system, and even the education of our children. It is not possible to imagine a more massive political policy, yet we have excluded it from the electoral agenda and our official policies for 20 years. This policy is called Agenda 21, and we have been so successful that most Australians have never heard of it even though it now controls their lives and educates their children!

Agenda 21 & Local Agenda 21 aims to change our lives, that of our children & descendants, forever. And yet the political promoters of this program have continually refused to expose this program to the light of truth during an election campaign.