

Gillard: Austerity by Any Other Name

by baz Monday, Apr 29 2013, 9:22am

international / prose / post

The reviled and extraordinarily INCOMPETENT Oz PM, Juliar Gillard, recently hinted at European style austerity measures for Australia in her latest press release, which is an extremely unusual/revealing turn of events considering her previous promises and the status of Australia as an extremely wealthy nation.



Corporate lackeys, Gillard and Treasurer, Swan

Austerity is understandable for bludging Greeks, Poms, Spaniards, Italians, Portuguese, Irish and a host of other European non-substantial economy nations, but Oz remains one of the largest suppliers of resources in the world and the Transnationals exploiting OUR mineral wealth have never seen higher profits BUT Gillard, a known Washington and CORPORATE LACKEY, is about to SLUG the PUBLIC with severe cutbacks (austerity) for HER economic FAILURES/shortfalls -- put simply she FAILED to adequately TAX the Transnationals that have been raping the nation of its FINITE resource wealth.

Now here's a priceless statement from the mouth of that reprehensible sell-out bitch herself, *'everyone has to cover their share of the burden,'* which simply means the people, not the corporations will be slugged, remember how EASILY the corporations avoided the "burden" of the mining tax! Readers will also note that the people are now required to foot the shortfall bill when they didn't 'share' in the profits and other benefits of the resource boom -- which continued for almost 20 years!

In view of the historical fact that big business, the Banks and Corporations, have never seen it so good in Australia it would seem entirely inappropriate to introduce AUSTERITY measures but that is exactly what Gillard has been instructed to do and what we know about her is that she unreservedly obeys unrepresentative minority elites rather than serve the best interests of the people -- I still wonder how it is she hasn't been shot by an equal opportunity, non-sexist assassin; she is unquestionably the most reviled woman in Australian history!

Now recall former PM Rudd's monumental gaffe, to paraphrase, *'after we win office we won't have to do anything,'* meaning non-representative Plutocrats and Big Business will dictate policy and make all the decisions -- well, NOTHING has changed regardless of whether it's Rudd, Gillard or Abbott (more on him later) in office.

Gillard is simply implementing what mega-wealthy Plutocrats dictate, she has nothing to lose as the election is ALREADY LOST. Now to Abbott who will win the next election by default and by the assurance of Oz Plutocrats, Murdoch and iron ore magnate Gina Rinehart -- here's the policies

(courtesy of [GetUp](#)) the Plutocrats have planned for Abbott:

Repeal the carbon tax, and don't replace it. It will be one thing to remove the burden of the carbon tax from the Australian economy. But if it is just replaced by another costly scheme, most of the benefits will be undone.

Abolish the Department of Climate Change

Abolish the Clean Energy Fund

Repeal Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act

Abandon Australia's bid for a seat on the United Nations Security Council

Repeal the renewable energy target

Return income taxing powers to the states

Abolish the Commonwealth Grants Commission

Abolish the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Withdraw from the Kyoto Protocol

Introduce fee competition to Australian universities

Repeal the National Curriculum

Introduce competing private secondary school curriculums

Abolish the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

Eliminate laws that require radio and television broadcasters to be 'balanced'

Abolish television spectrum licensing and devolve spectrum management to the common law

End local content requirements for Australian television stations

Eliminate family tax benefits

Abandon the paid parental leave scheme

Means-test Medicare

End all corporate welfare and subsidies by closing the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education

Introduce voluntary voting

End mandatory disclosures on political donations

End media blackout in final days of election campaigns

End public funding to political parties

Remove anti-dumping laws

Eliminate media ownership restrictions

Abolish the Foreign Investment Review Board

Eliminate the National Preventative Health Agency

Cease subsidising the car industry

Formalise a one-in, one-out approach to regulatory reduction

Rule out federal funding for 2018 Commonwealth Games

Deregulate the parallel importation of books

End preferences for Industry Super Funds in workplace relations laws

Legislate a cap on government spending and tax as a percentage of GDP

Legislate a balanced budget amendment which strictly limits the size of budget deficits and the period the federal government can be in deficit

Force government agencies to put all of their spending online in a searchable database

Repeal plain packaging for cigarettes and rule it out for all other products, including alcohol and fast food

Reintroduce voluntary student unionism at universities

Introduce a voucher scheme for secondary schools

Repeal the alcopops tax

Introduce a special economic zone in the north of Australia including:

- a) Lower personal income tax for residents
- b) Significantly expanded 457 Visa programs for workers
- c) Encourage the construction of dams

Repeal the mining tax

Devolve environmental approvals for major projects to the states

Introduce a single rate of income tax with a generous tax-free threshold

Cut company tax to an internationally competitive rate of 25 per cent

Cease funding the Australia Network

Privatise Australia Post

Privatise Medibank

Break up the ABC and put out to tender each individual function

Privatise SBS

Reduce the size of the public service from current levels of more than 260,000 to at least the 2001 low of 212,784

Repeal the Fair Work Act

Allow individuals and employers to negotiate directly terms of employment that suit them

Encourage independent contracting by overturning new regulations designed to punish contractors

Abolish the Baby Bonus

Abolish the First Home Owners' Grant

Allow the Northern Territory to become a state

Halve the size of the Coalition front bench from 32 to 16

Remove all remaining tariff and non-tariff barriers to international trade

Slash top public servant salaries to much lower international standards, like in the United States

End all public subsidies to sport and the arts

Privatise the Australian Institute of Sport

End all hidden protectionist measures, such as preferences for local manufacturers in government tendering

Abolish the Office for Film and Literature Classification

Rule out any government-supported or mandated internet censorship

Means test tertiary student loans

Allow people to opt out of superannuation in exchange for promising to forgo any government income support in retirement

Immediately halt construction of the National Broadband Network and privatise any

sections that have already been built

End all government funded Nanny State advertising

Reject proposals for compulsory food and alcohol labelling

Privatise the CSIRO

Defund Harmony Day

Close the Office for Youth

Privatise the Snowy-Hydro Scheme

How does it feel now Oz, does it hurt when you sit down?

Of course the SOLUTION is CLEAR; boycott the major bought parties and VOTE REPRESENTATIVE INDEPENDENTS into office at every election Federal and State.

Return Australia to its rightful owners, THE PEOPLE; restore democracy and share all national wealth and burdens equitably throughout society -- and while we're at it, are there any equal opportunity assassins out there?

<http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/political-news/embrace-the-pain-20130429-2ip0g.html>

Jungle Drum Prose/Poetry. <http://jungledrum.lingama.net/news/story-521.html>