

Hello,

I agree with the sentiment of your article.

I would like to add that the **first** steps would be to remove all subsidies to fossil fuel producers. And ensure that all royalties are collected. In lieu of royalties, the State and Federal governments could grow a stake in the resource company, hopefully eventually owning the resource. These resources belong to all Australians, **not** individuals. Meanwhile, all undeveloped resources should remain owned by Australian governments. Where resource companies have committed to cleanup. They actually do it, or are banned from future development proposals. The selling of dud/polluting assets to sham companies be disallowed. CCS is a sham. Stop all subsidies and tax deductions.

The **second** step would be to stop subsidising private school education. High-quality public education is to be the responsibility of the government. If other individuals want something else, they can pay for all of it themselves. No tax deductions for individuals who subsidise private education. Universities should be restored as places of research and study, **not** beholden to corporate interests. Trade schools should offer free training to all for primary certifications, upgrading, and changing of skills.

The **third** step is to stop the leakage of multinationals syphoning off profits to tax havens. Disallow transfers to tax havens and any related party transactions. Disallow any Gov from trading with a Tax Haven registered entity.

The **fourth** step, after COVID, is to realise that we need at least rudimentary production of all our essential goods locally, even at a small scale, so that whatever the next “event,” we can scale up. Subsidies to achieve this are “good.”

The **fifth** step is to consider alternatives to privatising and expanding prisons. That money could be used to engage with local communities and provide an education pathway in “troublesome” communities, giving the youth a purpose with something to do locally.

The **sixth** step is to start a process whereby our politicians have to “grow” in stature into politics rather than be parachuted in. eg: Must have 1-3 terms in Local Government, then 1-3 terms in State Government, then a max of 3 terms in Fed Gov. The terms of Gov at all levels would ideally be a fixed 4 year term. Eg: Council Elections Year 1, State Elections Year 2, Fed Elections Year 3. 4th year is static. The objective is to create a pool of people with community interests at heart.

The **seventh** step is to create Full Transparency of Donations to all parties/individuals within 30 days of that donation, all available online. All on the same footing, with no advantage to the Majors.

In the **eighth** step the Public Service needs to reverse the Howard Era ethos as mere implementers of Ministerial Policy, to being frank and fearless advisors to the Minister in the first instance, and implementers second. We must also remove all private consultants from direct access to Ministers.

The ninth step we should stop being subservient to the USA or UK and their militaristic bent. Our future is in Asia, and we should engage for trade and peace. Defence is not to have a blank cheque.

The **tenth** step would return to Cross Subsidies, initially in Air Travel, which were ditched in Howard Era. It is crazy to have competition for air travel on the busy Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne routes, with many start-ups and failures, while travel to distant parts of Australia is now prohibitively expensive. Return to the two carrier model on main routes, which subsidises travel to

the outer reaches of our country. Other cross subsidies should be examined as we are a large and lightly populated country.

The **eleventh** step would make Corporate Executive remuneration being tied to share price illegal. Execs get paid a salary for the job, not the gambling game of the share market. Their actions to modify the share price via buy backs etc, do not help the production process itself. In the same area, the notion and myth that “corporates” are only interested in improving the return to Shareholders (that grew from Friedman and has become accepted Mantra) is wrong!! Corporates will in future be viewed as Responsible Corporate Citizens with responsibilities to the whole of society in the first instance. The land and water are important resources for Australia. NO fracking. No poisoning of water table. Existing farmland remains and made more efficient using Land Hydration methods. Other forests and land be managed more in line with Traditional Methods (Native Australian methods).

The **twelfth** step would enforce the Minimum Wage. That the piecemeal remuneration of workers to “reach” minimum wage be outlawed. If an employer wants to pay over minimum by incentive they can. BUT never less than minimum wage and conditions.