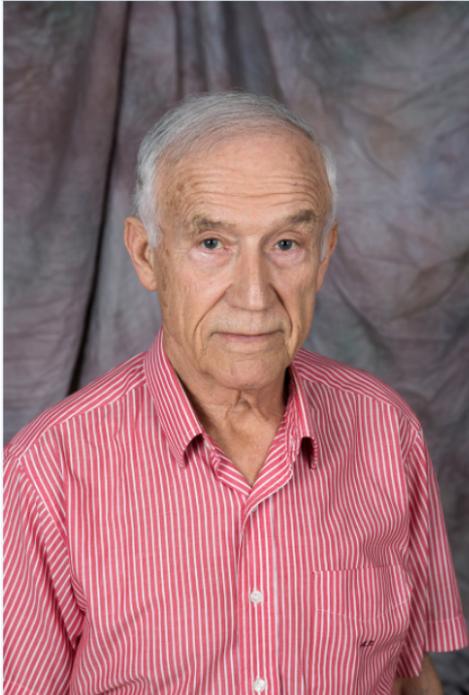


# STOP POPULATION GROWTH NOW

## Party of Australia

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He commenced his working life in 1960 at Rolls-Royce Aero Engine Division in the Computer Department.

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His career involved a comprehensive experience in the design and production of computerised Business Systems in a complex business environment.

Disillusionment with the present Australian political system has led him to attempt to offer a different perspective of the reality of our present place in world history, and highlight the vital issues which are having a critical impact on our lives; thereby exposing the real problems that we are facing; issues that governments of all persuasions do not wish to recognise and discuss. These are not the trivia that occupy the time of those in Canberra: Same Sex Marriage and musical chairs about the legitimacy of the elected.

For those of us who can remember the 1970's where we had a vibrant economy, good standards of education, the capacity to buy a house, and get a job; one must ask oneself how we have arrived at the crises we have at the moment. The policies of the governments of all persuasions must be accountable for this decline by their pursuance of their economic policies. George Bernard Shaw famously quoted, "Teach a parrot to say supply and demand, and you have an economist". Or, to misquote Oscar Wilde, "An Economist is a man who knows the price of everything, and the value of nothing". This results in a total disregard for the beauty and worth of the natural world; rather seeing it as a resource to be sacrificed at

the altar of the demands of a population that is growing exponentially, The political mantra parroted by Malcolm Turnbull is, “Jobs and Growth”. This is supposed to fix everything. These policies have led us to a time of mountainous national and personal debt, a failing education system, a crisis in the health system, a job crisis particularly among the young (the ABS figures are fairy tales), unaffordable housing costs and rent costs, stagnant wages, and the erosion of the middle and working classes, whilst there are a few who have been increasing their wealth considerably.

The reality for all of us is that we are facing a crisis which is pitching us into a period of increasing poverty and unemployment. We are following the same path as the United States. We need to develop a sustainable environmental model where people can expect to live a comfortable and secure life. This demands that we have an holistic view which gives us a balanced economy and population – living within our means, just like any family has to do; the government is no different.

However, it makes loads of promises at election time to buy votes with money that it does not have; this is called deficit spending. It either borrows this money or prints it. The banks are culpable in this because they are fuelled by debt. If you want to see this in operation Google “Australian Debt Clock” which at the moment is showing a National Debt of \$756 billion, and it gets bigger and bigger by the second. This represents a debt of \$30,000 for every person in Australia and a debt for each person employed of \$60,000.

Growth in a medical terms can be benign or cancerous. Ours is cancerous; and being so, it will eventually prove fatal.