

15 March 2023

Senator Pauline Hanson  
Senator for Queensland  
Parliament House  
Canberra

Dear Senator Hanson,

**First Nations Activists in Charles Perkins House  
.....ambitions for the Voice, and divisive changes for our country**

In recent weeks I have seen media reports about an aboriginal activist attempting to gain early access to the old age pension, essentially because aboriginal people have a lower life expectancy than the rest of the Australian population. This immediately brought to mind a conversation that my wife and I overheard in a Canberra coffee shop in November 2022 ....as set out below.

The relevant cafe is in the Woden Town Centre, near to Charles Perkins House (CPH). We subsequently learnt that CPH is the home to National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA ?). Whilst we were having mid-morning coffee break, 6 or 7 excited and voluble people gathered at the adjoining table. They were talking excitedly about a list of "opportunities" they had just developed. It soon became clear that these opportunities were to be an "initial action list" for the new Voice to Parliament (once it was established).

Of course, what was unspoken in this highly audible and naive discussion was the underpinning assumption that there would be a Yes vote at a referendum in 2023 or 2024 to change the Australian constitution.

My wife and I were gob-smacked about most of the divisive ideas being discussed.

After some 30 or 40mins the voluble group left the café, and presumably returned to their offices or meeting room in CPH. However, one of them had accidentally left a pair of A4 sheets under the table. These pages appeared to be a print-out from one of those older white boards. The text had been hand-written, probably using a felt-tip pen.

My wife gathered up the pages, and returned them to the front desk in CPH, but not before I had taken two quick photos.

We thought no more about CPH, or this noisy group, until the last few days when I learnt about the recent court action to give First Nations people early access to the old age pension.....which happens to be "opportunity 3" on the two page hand-written action list.

Based on my two photos, I now attach a typed version of the two pages for your information. We have deciphered most of the hand-writing, but we have not attempted to correct the spelling or grammar, or re-order the ideas. Some of the listed "opportunities" are about the business of the Commonwealth, and some are about state responsibilities. My wife has excellent hearing and overheard chat about items which are not on the two pages in our possession, so the full list will likely be much longer

Please read the two page list, which we find very disturbing, and quite divisive. If Mr Albanese knows about and supports the initiatives, then most of his recent statements about the Voice have been completely misleading, and support for the referendum should evaporate.

If on the other hand the PM does *not* know about the list, then:

- Minister Burney and her staff need to be challenged and promptly disciplined by the PM.
- the list needs early and wide publicity regarding Ms Burney's real agenda for Australia.

Given our personal life experience, my wife and I are concerned about most of the proposed actions, but the three most offensive would be:

- differential/lower income tax rates if somebody claims First Nations heritage....leading to a huge incentive to self-identify as First Nations
- top priority for First Nations people on all public housing waiting lists....this could quickly lead to versions of the current Alice Springs lawlessness and violence in inner city public housing estates, such as the Richmond, Collingwood and Fitzroy estates here in Melbourne and similar estates in other state capitals.
- charging 96% of Australians for the use of public beaches, and any visits to national parks.

In light of all the above, we congratulate you for opposing the Albanese government's plans for a Voice within the Australian constitution....which would be incredibly divisive.

Over to you about how you use this information.

For obvious reasons my wife and I choose to remain anonymous.

Your sincerely

***Early Action/Opportunities for the Voice (courtesy of CPH activist group...Nov 2022)***

1. **Job quotas:** Min 10% appointments to be 1st Nations people for: Judges, Magis, CW SES, ADF officers, AFP and State police forces, Corrections Depts, Vice Chancellors, and Ambassadors.
2. **Universities.....**No entry tests, & no fees for 1st Nations people.
3. **Old age pension:** Reduced age eligibility for 1<sup>st</sup> nations people "*because we die younger*".
4. **Public housing:** 1st nations people to have first preference for *all* vacant public housing across all states.
5. **Sport & Music:** Entry fees reduced by 50% for 1<sup>st</sup> nations people for any events on public land
6. **Beaches & National Parks:**
  - all beaches & national parks to be property of the relevant tribe, &
  - non-First nations people to be charged to use the beaches, parks etc....revenues to go relevant tribe.
7. **Rivers & streams:**
  - to become property of relevant tribe, &
  - fees for water consumption paid to relevant tribe
8. **Mining royalties:** Same as for water
9. **Income tax:** for 1 st nations people to be 50% of normal rate.
10. **Liquor licensing:** All new liquor licences across Australia to be vetted by Voice
11. **Voice office:**
  - research/policy staff .... analyse & review all proposed govt policies, legislation & appointments.
  - same size & pay as DPMC.

*My wife also overheard informal chat re;*

- *Prisons.....staff quotas to match inmate mix ?*
- *Juvenile justice.....no 1 st Nations kids incarcerated below 18 years (for any offence)*

*Detail is likely to be on later pages from the white board printer*