Dear Citizen of Australia,

If you are not concerned about Australia's economic and social decline then disregard this message. However, if you are interested about this country's future and the welfare of its inhabitants, then please spare us a few minutes of your time. At first thought you may say, "Oh yes, I have heard it all before." This, however, is an urgent appeal from citizens that have no sectional interests and who ask no reward for their efforts.

Australia today is facing a moment of truth, that could possibly mean more to us, than any conflict of the past. We have a parliament that is dominated by self centered and sectional interests. Either one, if elected with any sort of majority, could bring about the rapid destruction of those liberties that are still intact. What we really need is some political maturity.

After the last world war, we had as a nation achieved some degree of national pride. We were a nation of pioneers who were prepared to roll our sleeves up for whatever the community saw as a common good. We had self respect and a dignity that a massive welfare bill could never purchase. There was no shortage of heroes because we could all relate to the circumstances that governed our lives. We have mistakenly placed our trust in individuals and parties whose policies have proved more philosophical than practical. The outcome of which will bankrupt this country financially and socially.

Believe it or not, the laws that govern a family budget are no different from that of a business. And these same laws govern the balances that are required at state and federal level. We have been hoodwinked into believing that there is some magic formula that is necessary to balance a budget. The simple fact is, you cannot spend more than you earn. Otherwise when your creditors run out of patience, you run out of luck. Interest rates have slept, never have a holiday or long weekend, never get sick or go away until the debt is liquidated. If you spend your money on unproductive or negative assets, there is no value or security in your investment. Let us not liquidate our future by supporting those that have so miserably failed us in the past.

Why is the man in the street being asked to pay the effect of the sectional interests that have brought us to our present dilemma. Big business and unions in concert with governments has created what we are now being asked to pay for. Our governments have no business doing their sweetheart deals with sectional interests. What is no dangerous to us is the fact that they now do it so openly and without any shame. What is to happen to our integrity if we allow them to continue this practice for the sake of their political futures.

It is obvious to even the most naively patient observer that there is need for reform. It would be naive to think that those that create the problems should be left to resolve them alone.

There are many great ideas that are both practical and workable. Many of these are being subjected to criticism purely because they are being mooted from outside a given party. There is merit to be found in all comment from all parties. It is the responsible gathering of these suggestions that will create the forum to achieve our prosperous future.

As a new party created without any pressure from any interest group, we ask your support. This support we will direct in bringing about responsible government. We are Australians of all origins who know that there is a greater future for this great country than that which is currently on offer. We represent the man in the street. We appreciate that he has a family to raise; and has a right to a voice in his community. We represent your personal interest; not party interests! "VOTE FOR US NOW FOR THE FUTURE.

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VOTE REPUBLICAN FOR THE SENATE

Saturday 11th July, 1987

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