
Interview: Craig Isherwood

Australia: A New U.S. of the Southern Seas

Craig Isherwood is the leader of the Lyndon LaRouche-allied Australian political party, the Citizens Electoral Council (CEC). He was interviewed by Alexander Pusch for the LaRouche-affiliated German newspaper Neue Solidarität, on Dec. 9.

Neue Solidarität: On Dec. 2, shortly before the Copenhagen Climate summit, the Australian Senate voted to reject the Carbon Trading bill, in a stunning reversal of the “green” policies that have generally been dominating the policies of the industrialized countries, in recent years. How did that come about?

Isherwood: ...What we are witnessing in Australian politics ... is the effect of the mass strike phenomenon—the same type of phenomenon we are witnessing against President Barack Obama in the United States—which threatens to wipe away the existing political parties.

Watching the effects of the mass strike has been very amusing, nonetheless....¹

So what happened?

The raving monarchist Tony Abbott [Liberal Party]—who had just a few months before, said that the ETS [Emissions Trading Scheme] should be passed, so as to “remove it as a potential election issue”—all of a sudden leads the charge against the issue which the Queen herself demanded be enacted. So, Abbott stood against [then-Liberal Party leader Malcolm] Turnbull for the leadership and won by a majority of 42-41 votes—hardly convincing. He then held an unprecedented secret ballot of Liberal MPs, where the majority overwhelmingly supported the idea, not of junking the ETS altogether—although there is growing opposition to it—but rather putting the vote off until after the Copenhagen Conference. But then, the minor parties in the

1. See last week's *EIR* (Dec. 18), for a discussion with Glen Isherwood of the Australian LaRouche Youth Movement, on the defeat of the cap-and-trade bill in the Parliament.



CEC webcast videograb

Australia has a rich history of republicanism, which is now asserting itself against the degradations of the British imperial system, explained CEC chairman Craig Isherwood, shown here in an October 2008 webcast.

Senate did force it to a vote, and the Liberals overwhelmingly voted it down.

Creating an Upheaval

NS: What's the role of your party, the CEC, in all of this?

Isherwood: In early 2007, due to all the Greenie brainwashing in this country over a long, long time, public opinion polls showed that 68% of Australians then favored urgent action to stop climate change, and there was absolutely no institutional resistance to this utter fraud!

So, the CEC and the LaRouche Youth Movement went to work.

We first produced 540,000 copies of a special issue of our *New Citizen* newspaper called “Global Warning Is a Fraud,” in March 2007. We saturated the country with it, and with a population of only 21 million people, this was approximately 1 paper for every 40 people.

The LaRouche Youth Movement also intervened into the Fifth World Conference of Science Journalists being held at the Melbourne Hyatt Hotel [April 2007], making sure that the participants got the paper, and a DVD of the U.K. Channel 4 documentary, called “The Great Global Warming Swindle.”²

2. The film's director, Martin Durkin, was interviewed in *EIR*, Dec. 18, 2009.

Now, the upheaval around the distribution of these *New Citizens*, and the uproar over the intervention into the Journalists conference, even in the so-called major media, forced the airing of the “The Great Global Warming Swindle” on national television here. When the program was aired by Australia’s national broadcaster, ABC-TV, our CEC members took over the studio audience at question time, asking very provocative questions of the staged event.

Next, we continued to hammer both the scientific fraud and genocidal agenda behind global warming in our regular e-mail press releases, which have a very, very wide circulation across Australia.

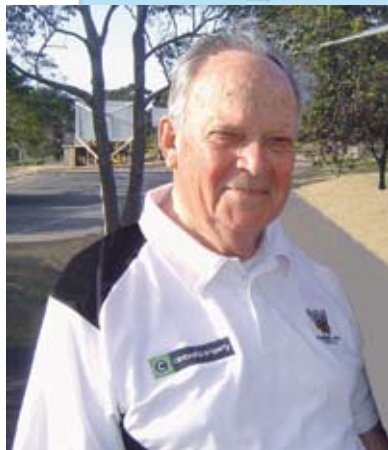
In May 2008, we mobilized Australia to respond to the world food crisis, and exposed the ethanol fraud looting precious food production in favour of so-called “renewable energy.”

Prominent radical Greens began denouncing the CEC and Lyndon LaRouche as leading the anti-global-warming camp.

This year, we repeatedly exposed the financial fraud behind carbon trading. The LaRouche Youth Movement intervened at Al Gore’s tin-rattling breakfast with Australia’s superannuation [pensions] industry at Docklands in Melbourne in June, and in August, we printed and distributed 350,000 copies of our *New Citizen* newspaper headlined, “Carbon Trading Is Hitler-Style Genocide.”

All of this emboldened a number of leading scientists to speak out as well, led by our dear friend, the now-deceased Lance Endersbee, one of Australia’s foremost engineers, with a distinguished career going back to his role in the postwar years in building the great Snowy Hydroelectric Scheme.³

3. See *EIR*, March 7, 2008, for “Science, Ocean Temperature, and CO₂: Global Climate Change Has Natural Causes,” by Lance Endersbee.



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Courtesy of *The New Citizen*, Nov.-Dec. 2008
In collaboration with the late Prof. Lance Endersbee, one of Australia’s foremost engineers, and other national water experts, the CEC, in 2002, outlined 18 great water projects, shown on this map, on which construction could begin immediately.

Just before the vote was taken, a Murdoch paper in Queensland published an article which had the federal politicians claiming that the CEC was leading an e-mail campaign into every MP’s office, such that MPs across Australia were getting thousands and thousands of e-mails.

As evidence of the mass-strike process, whilst we have led such e-mail campaigns in the past, this time we had nothing to do with the masses of e-mails the MPs were getting. The population was self-activating on the fraud that was being thrown upon them about the ETS and global warming.

Quit the British Commonwealth!

NS: At your first national webcast, on Dec. 10, you presented your countrymen with an alternative to the British policies of looting the resources of the world. Can you summarize the most important points, and the specific role you envision for Australia in this alternative?

Isherwood: There are three main actions that we

need to take. Firstly, we should just quit the Commonwealth. We need to reject the British Empire, and become fully sovereign. This would allow us then to ally ourselves with other sovereign nations such as China and Russia, to participate fully with LaRouche's Four Power Alliance. As a member of the Commonwealth, we do not have sovereignty, because, at any time, the Queen can overrule any legislation, on any important issue.

Second, we must become a republic, and reject the current parliamentary model. Australia has a very rich history of republicanism, fighting to create Australia as a republic. Our greatest republican, the Rev. John Dunmore Lang, devoted his entire life to establish what he called a new "United States of the Southern Seas."

And third, we must nationalize our huge raw materials deposits, some of the richest in the entire world, take them back from such British Crown cartels as Rio Tinto and BHP Billiton.

Australia has the world's largest deposits of recoverable brown coal, lead, rutile, zircon, nickel, tantalum, uranium, and zinc, and ranks second in the world for bauxite, copper, gold, ilmenite (tungsten), and silver. Our reserves of industrial diamonds are third-largest in the world, and those of manganese ore are fourth. We are also the world's largest exporter of alumina, black coal, iron ore, lead, and zinc.

Currently, under the Crown, we are being "Africanized" as a country, and the real wealth that could be derived is simply being looted by these British raw materials cartels.

Australia also holds the world's largest reserves of "known recoverable resources of uranium" (24% of the total, ahead of second-place Kazakstan with 17%), but we have a staggering 40% of reserves "recoverable at low cost." We now produce 22% of the world's supply, second only to the 29% of Canada, another Crown colony (which, as I found very interesting, LaRouche expects is likely to break with the British Empire, also for reasons of national survival). We also have the world's largest resources of thorium, ahead of India, which is second.

Now, once we throw off the shackles of British monetarism, these two minerals, in particular, open up an entire new world for ourselves, and for our neighbours.

To develop Australia, once we have sovereign control of our national credit, as a republic, we will begin by building great national infrastructure projects, simi-

lar to what Franklin Roosevelt did to pull the U.S. out of the Great Depression in the 1930s, but which the Bank of England and the Crown prevented us from doing, even sacking Jack Lang as Premier of New South Wales, to maintain their stranglehold on us.

These great infrastructure projects will be in three areas, all of which we are desperately short of right now: power, water, and transport.

For power, we will develop a world-class nuclear power industry using our unmatched supplies of the basic nuclear fuels, uranium and thorium. Even more, we can actually play a leading role in developing this industry worldwide, by not only processing our uranium and thorium for export, but by developing a whole new, high-technology nuclear industry, including whole nuclear plants for export.

New generations of nuclear power plants have been designed, known as pebble bed reactors, which are absolutely safe and meltdown-proof. And thorium is a great fuel for reactors, because almost all natural thorium is usable in a reactor, compared with 0.7% of uranium. India has a rapidly-developing research program into thorium reactors, and we should collaborate with her on that.

Secondly, we would build numerous great water projects to ensure our water supplies, and to green our great deserts. In collaboration with Professor Endersbee and other of our national water experts, the CEC already, in 2002, outlined 18 great water projects, the research for which is mostly already completed, and which we could start building tomorrow. Our estimate in 2002, was that all of these could be built for only \$40 billion.

In our third major area of infrastructure, transport, we have to build a high-speed rail grid around each of our major cities, and between them, to unite our great continent. The Australian Ring Rail proposed by Professor Endersbee is typical of what we should do, which would also allow us to cheaply export our manufactures or agricultural products through Darwin into Asia. China is leading the world in the development of high-speed trains, and we would collaborate with her on developing our vast open areas.

Finally, Australia is also well-suited to cooperating in developing a space industry. With Cape York very close to the equator, we have a very suitable launch area. Australia participated very closely with the U.S. on the Apollo manned Moon missions, and would like to redevelop that type of collaboration with some of the

ten nations already planning to build industrial cities on the Moon in the future.

In the American Republican Tradition

NS: I have seen, in the recent issue of *The New Citizen*, that you see your movement as being in the tradition of a specific pro-American current within Australia's history, that has been opposed to Australia's role as a de facto province of the British Empire. Can you tell our readers a little bit about that?

Isherwood: Our *New Citizen* goes into a first-ever presentation of original historical research entitled "The True History of the Founding of Australia." We show that Australia was settled at a time when the British had just been decisively defeated by the Americans in 1781; had been driven out of Ireland in 1782 by an American-inspired and -aided revolution; and faced a mortal strategic challenge to their worldwide maritime empire following the Peace of Paris in 1783, by the Dutch, the Spanish, and the French, all of whom had aided the American cause.

Having lost America, and facing challenges in the Pacific, the British strategists centered in the British East India Company founded Australia to preempt a planned French settlement here (beating the French by less than two weeks), and to serve as a strategic outpost against their European rivals. Those "convicts" rounded up and sent here—often without even the figleaf of a trial—were overwhelmingly pro-American Irish and Scottish political prisoners, and even some English, while the new settlement was designed as a literal torture chamber to crush their republican spirit.

And that has been the faultline throughout Australian history ever since: between our greatest republican leaders, beginning with Rev. John Dunmore Lang, who were invariably pro-American and who schemed to establish a sovereign "United States of Australia"; and the East India Company-style, financier-directed British imperialism which has usually ruled our country, despite courageous challenges to this London-centered "Money Power" by the old, pro-national banking Australian Labor Party, which exist in name only today.

With the 17th- and 18th-Century takeover of Britain by the "Venetian Party," in which London replaced Venice as the center of worldwide monetarist imperialism, Lord Shelburne, the ruling figure in the British East India Company, personally planned and executed the establishment of the new Australian colony.

So, we have cut through the boring, lying chronologies of British history professors down here, and while they spit with rage, we have opened ordinary Australians' eyes to the true nature of the British Empire, whose monetarist imperialism ("globalization," "free trade") still dominates the globe.

NS: What is your organizing perspective for the coming weeks and months?

Isherwood: As Lyndon LaRouche has made it very clear, we are in a global breakdown crisis of the world's monetary and financial system. The only solution is to see the very optimistic bilateral agreements stemming from the Rhodes, Greece Oct. 8-12 conference [sic], continue to grow into LaRouche's Four Power Alliance.⁴

We must eliminate the monetarist system of the British Empire, first and foremost, and return to the principles of national sovereignty, and national banking as a way of creating the credit necessary for the development of our country.

So, we will continue to campaign for the Four Powers agreement.

To complement this we will also keep campaigning for our Homeowners and Bank Protection Bill of 2007, which is modeled on the legislation, proposed by LaRouche, of a similar nature in the United States. This is a mechanism to place Australia's bankrupt banking system into bankruptcy reorganization and keep it functioning. At the same time, we have to prevent any large-scale evictions of homeowners and family farmers in the future, and this legislation calls for a debt moratorium and a freeze on any evictions whilst the global financial system is being reorganized.

Finally, we shall keep educating our people as to what our true republican heritage is, with our continuing in-depth history work, as well as keep showing why global warming is an utter fraud designed to reduce the world's population.

There is no shortage of activity for us, down here, in the belly of the British Empire, so we will find plenty more to kick against.

4. See *EIR*, Oct. 23, 2009, for Lyndon and Helga LaRouche's speeches to the Rhodes conference. A large package of bilateral agreements was signed Oct. 13 in Beijing, by Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, covering key areas of economic cooperation.