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**ERIC DANE'S FINAL MESSAGE A
REMINDER TO ALL OF US**



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EDITORIAL

Jacinta Allan is not Daniel Andrews, and that's a good thing, but what it means for her is she can't play the same game he did and ignore the noise around her. The pressure on Allan is immense but to look at her social media handles you wouldn't think she had a problem in the world. Bendigo Barbie is out at Chinese new year events, she's opening beds in hospitals and of course she's got the hard hat out at various sites across the state and not on one video does she acknowledge the pressure she's under. So there are two things here, the first is she's pushing through the noise and secondly she is border line delusional! When Andrews used to post this crap the I stand wiff dans would out saying what a great guy he was, but I challenge anyone to find one positive comment for Allan.

It's hard to believe Allan survives all that's going on at the moment but one thing is for sure her social media is proof misinformation is alive and well online!

What exactly is Jim Chalmers doing with our economy? I mean seriously! The US, UK, France, Italy and New Zealand have all lowered interest rates and have inflation under control. Plus it's not even the case that we can say it's right wing governments helping combat inflation they are varied which means it's actually a fact that Jim and Albo are useless! When do we see inflation and interest rates under control? Maybe when the Libs or One Nation get into the lodge?

Crown are planning a \$200 million revamp of their empire along the Yarra, which given Southgate is cooked could be a good thing. The Sally Capp green wedge/vanity project has obviously been abandoned so maybe Crown at the ones to liven up the Yarra again? My only question is where are they getting the crew from to make it all a reality?

In the US Donald Trump has middle fingered the US Supreme Court over tariffs and dumped a 15% blanket hit on all imports into the US...but even with the hit for importers Trump unlike Albo has managed to get interest rates and inflation under control.

And finally I've never understood how companies like Dominos and GYG make billions of dollars, but both until recently have done so. Here GYG have gone from strength to strength in their expansion plans post their stock market float but in the US things are not going so well. Losses and low sales have seen their US market take a dive and investment firms are starting to look at them to take up some of their short positions, but here's hoping they make it...

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DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

So, what if I don't agree with Muslims praying in the middle of the street during a protest? What if I think that anyone that does come to Australia needs to come here with a qualification that helps Australia? What if I think we absolutely need to assist with those facing displacement or persecution in their own countries to a point? What if I think men who have a penis but identify as women shouldn't be using female bathrooms where young girls go? What if I think people who come to Australia should be allowed to worship their own god and live how they please but not be allowed to burn the Australian flag? What if I think that women who were married and chose to live with men who wilfully kill those who don't share their beliefs shouldn't be allowed back in Australia? What if I think we should be looking for alternative sources of energy but not at the expense of low and middle income families who are struggling with power bills? What if I still want to drive a V8 and don't want to be harassed by those who think virtue signalling will influence my opinions?

Does any of the above make me a racist, transphobic bigot?

Well it really depends who you ask, but the reality is no and the question is when did we stop being able to have common sense discussions? Discussions that weren't about hate and division but rather were about a sensible way forward for all Australians no matter where they came from!

Can you believe we now have hate speech laws in this country? We had to have a law passed to stop hate speech! That's not saying one side over the other is correct but we had to make it law not to promote hate and still we can't agree why hate actually is. There would be people who think what I've written in this piece is hate speech when it's simply asking how did we end up like this? How have we seen and allowed mainstream media be at the forefront of division? How have we allowed useless politicians and bureaucrats to politicise division and hate?

Everyday in newspapers and the media at large we get opinion pieces saying praying shouldn't be attacked, that trans people have rights, that migrants add massively to the country and they're all correct but there has to be common sense discussions about how. Where are the extra houses promised by state and federal governments? What are we doing about Australia Day when we can celebrate Chinese new year and Ramadan?

When do we put aside the political spin, the media messaging and allow the adults back into the room and say ok let's talk about things...

It's not about division, hate or being anything other than being genuinely concerned about the future of the country and the end to hate. For too long now we have not stood up for who we are and our way of life. It's about time we started having genuine discussions about the future of the country for the sake of everyone that calls the great southern land home no matter where they came from.

ERIC DANE'S FINAL MESSAGE

The American actor Eric Dane died recently at the age of 53 from the insidious disease that is ALS. Less than 12 months ago Dane announced he was battling the disease and a few days ago he died from it. A tragedy, no matter who anyone is but tragic as Danes death is the message he left for his children was heartbreaking, a reminder to live your life because you simply don't know when it will all be over.

In what was a piece filmed for Netflix Dane gave his final statement to a camera and directed it at his daughters in which he opened by saying, I tried. I challenge anyone to watch it and not cry at this man's bravery and love for those he was leaving behind. He was facing his death and even as his brain failed to send messages to his body he was able to summon enough strength and courage to say good bye to his beloved family.

It was to me one of the great speeches in the face of death. A man knowing his fate able to make a statement not only for his family but for all of us, to remind us to never take advantage of life, to live it everyday and to be thankful for everything we have. To find your purpose, to love it, to fight for what you have with all your might. Dane's message is especially important today because we have lost so many people to suicide and have so many people suffer from depression it's a timely reminder to say we have so much to live and fight for.

Dane was born in the same year as me, 1972 and I for one watched his statement thinking it could be me at any time, but right now, it's not. Having cried for Dane, his family and all those he left behind I took heed from his advice, I looked at my life and realised I needed to take more time with those I love. Make more time for the things that are important and to put away the phone. We all need to take Dane's advice and fight for what's important to us.

The death of Eric Dane is tragic and desperately sad for so many reasons but if we can learn anything it is live your life, love those around you and never take any of it for granted.

Go safely into the night good man, you are loved and will be missed, God bless, rest easy and good night.

HOW DO WE STOP THE GRAVY TRAIN?!

Victoria's infrastructure "Big Build" was sold to the public as a once-in-a-generation investment in transport, housing and productivity. But as projects under the Victorian Government banner balloon in cost and complexity, a deeper question keeps resurfacing: how do you stop corporates, unions, criminals, the state government and bureaucrats from turning public works into private windfalls?

The uncomfortable truth is that mega-projects create mega-opportunities—not just for construction, but for rent-seeking. Layers of subcontracting can obscure who is actually being paid and for what. When accountability chains stretch across consultants, delivery authorities, and international contractors, responsibility becomes diluted. This is where inflated invoices, sweetheart deals, labour overstaffing, and procurement gamesmanship thrive.

The first circuit breaker is radical transparency. All contracts, cost variations, and subcontractor agreements should be published in near-real time in a public register—not months later in redacted PDFs. If taxpayers are funding it, taxpayers should be able to see it. Second, establish genuinely independent oversight bodies with prosecutorial teeth, not just advisory mandates. Victoria's Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission has made inroads, but mega-projects need permanent embedded audit teams capable of forensic cost tracking from day one.

Third, ban political donations and post-government employment pathways tied to firms bidding on public infrastructure. The revolving door between ministerial offices, unions, and major contractors is not illegal—but it corrodes trust and invites influence-peddling. Fourth, digitise procurement and project management through open-ledger systems to create tamper-resistant audit trails of spending and labour deployment.

Finally, enforce personal liability for systemic cost blowouts linked to negligence or misconduct. When consequences are abstract, malpractice becomes ambient. When individuals—whether executives or public officials—face real penalties, behaviour changes.

Stopping the gravy train isn't about cynicism; it's about incentives. Align transparency, oversight, and accountability, and the culture of quiet profiteering becomes far harder to sustain—even when billions are on the table.

WHERE IS THE CUSTOMER?

It's all well and good for the supermarkets to go to court over their pricing slogans, it's all well and good for supermarkets to be promoting Diwali, Chinese New Year, Easter six months out and telling us they don't think we should celebrate Australia Day but where is the customer in all this?

Cole's and Westfarmers screw everyone over. Their woke ideologies only aim to serve the share holders and make more money. A good portion of their tricks instore are aimed at ripping people off, none of it is to save the customer money. It's all about money, it's ripping farmers off, about sucking up to government, about affecting the subconscious of those that go into their stores to get them to buy one product over another, cutting out people, automation and not caring about the actual customer.

We don't have a problem with corporations making money but when they stop actually giving a shit about the customer then it's time to say yeah nah! Despite the fact that inflation still needs to come back into the RBA target range it's not what it was, but have prices come back down? Are prices down down post the inflation fall? No no! And why? Because it's not about you and me it's about money and profit!

So here's hoping Cole's have a terrible time in court and maybe, just maybe they and Westfarmers will remember that somewhere in what they do is the customer struggling with a cost of living crisis...but I'm not going to hold my breath.

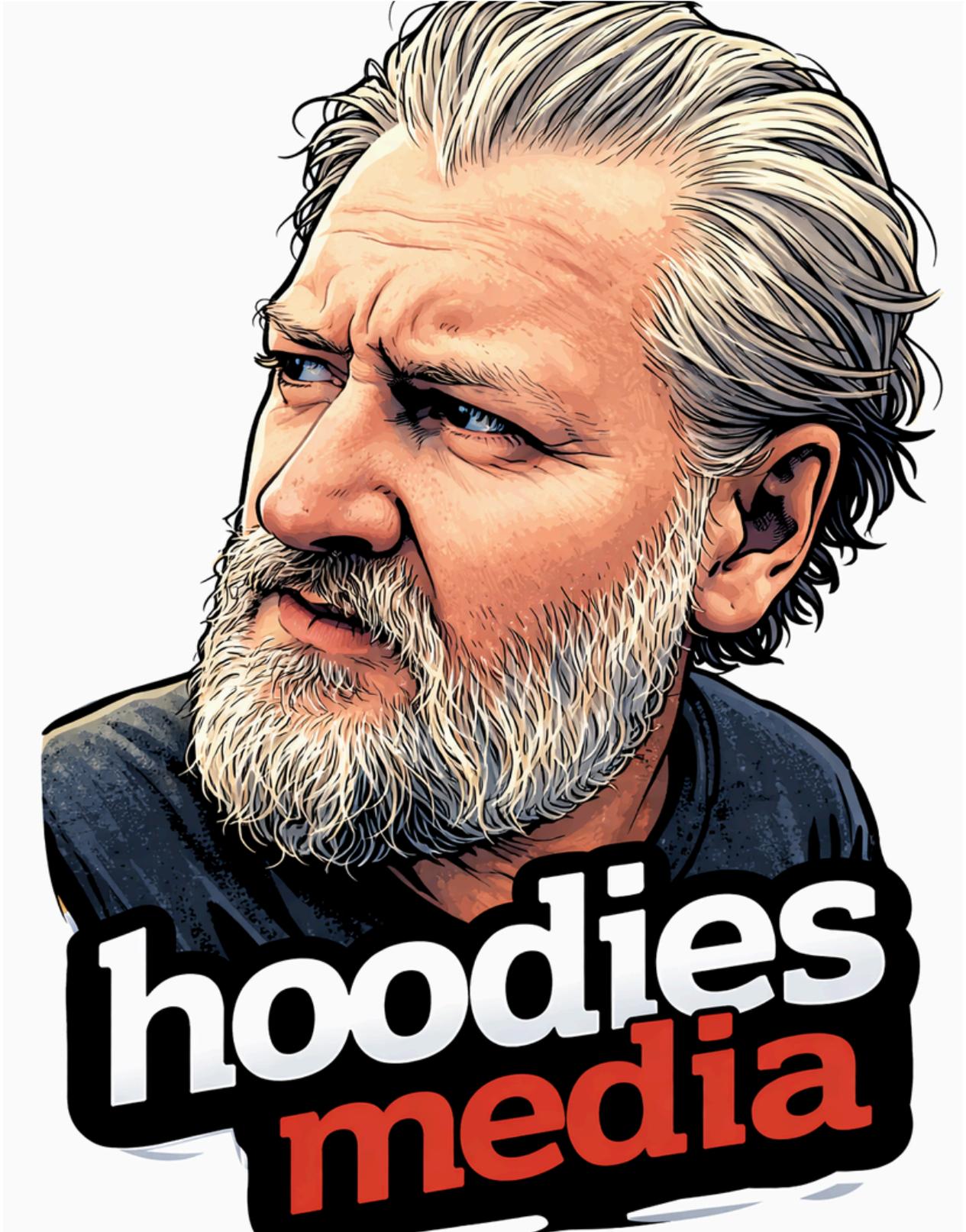
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