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EDITORIAL

First up and given our current issues with oil let's ask what's happened to all the talk about renewables? Given it's pretty dam obvious we have absolutely no chance of surviving on renewable energy it is now time to ditch Net Zero!

Albo has got pretty much what he deserved out of his address to the nation. He got hammered pretty much everywhere, apart from on the ABC who said he'd been very informative, but while Albo said very little it's what happens next that could redefine the PM. While Albo was a wet blanket with not much to say the conspiracy theorists and mainstream media were very disappointed with what little drama there was from Albo! An address to the nation and no war? No restrictions? No arguing? No finger pointing? No invasion? No ground troops? Why not?! The channel 7 crew post Albo's address didn't really know what to do with themselves...regardless the next few could very well make or break Albo.

A few thousand miles away Donald Trump made his national address, in which the president said the war could be over in 2 or 3 weeks! Really? Yes he said but we might end up leaving the Strait of Hormuz closed and let those who whinged about it deal with it. Trumps speech was more empty rhetoric of nothing we didn't know, but that he's even suggesting the US would leave the Middle East with Hormuz shut suggests the world should move on from the US once and for all.

Another day and well another day of chaos for the Victorian Libs. Today's story is that while the party decided to run the preselection vote again so there is now only one candidate for the battle, and who is that candiate? Moira Deeming! How's this? One of the applicants hadn't filled out the form properly so was boosted, this as opposed to the candidate that beat Deeming who did fill in the forms but got busted after he'd won. So I'm sorry who is getting the forms and once it comes out who it is, they're sacked!

It is interesting though to see what happens to all the rhetoric of renewables when the shit hits the fan and it is more than obvious we simply can't survive without fossil fuels. It's probably time to fire up those refineries again and get Australia moving!

And finally isn't it time to put away all the stories of the tacky dudes and incompetent muppet? I mean, there's the dick pic man, the radio man, the character reference man, the super fund man, the prince type man, the golf man, the footy man and the shoot out man...a lot of them married and all should've known better, but that's just part of being a man isn't it? Regardless, all of them need to pull their heads in!

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MARK CARNEY WAS RIGHT

When the Canadian PM, Mark Carney said the middle powers of the world needed to start looking within themselves for support and opportunity he was absolutely spot on.

In the world of Trump it's hard now to see what the end game actually is apart from self interest and alienating the rest of the world, but no matter what the game is for Trump the idea of a US super power is over.

In the last day or so Trump is again imposing tariffs on Australia this time medication and again it's time to start looking outside the box of the US. The US still does represent massive trade deals for Australia especially for our farmers but again it's time to look elsewhere. Is it time for Carney's suggestion of the middle powers to form a new alliance? Not an EU, NATO or Trumps Board of Peace but a union of nations that do indeed want to prosper outside of US tariffs, insane wars and sanctions.

Diplomacy is high on the agenda for many countries at the moment as is having to tip toe around Trump and his antics, but with the world now at the whims of the US it is time for their to be a global alliance that says the US isn't invited. Who would it include? Would China be invited in? Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Europe, South Africa, parts of Asia, India? Would the alliance allow the emergence of a new super power? And is it China? Australia in particular seems more committed to China than to the US.

Australia sits in this odd position where it has a long history of connection to the US but now? We have more success with China as a trade partner than we do with the US and yet we want to still build submarines within the AUKUS deal to protect us from China? With the way Trump thinks we could well see the Americans send troops to Australia before the Chinese do.

It's the instability that Trump brings that has the world thinking it's time to move on from them. As the world came out of Covid it needed new hope, a new start but it didn't happen. Instead it was world war woke and while Trump did to some degree end that war he started another one that has no end in sight. Carney was right it's time to move on from the US.

GAMBLING ADS OUT

Well what now for the boys club of bullshit and gambling? Albo has banned gambling ads on sports tops, in stadiums and for games and how sweet that is.

Actual gambling is fine, do what you want to, live how you want, but when the ads are everywhere, when sporting organisations that claim to care about kids and families ram ads down the viewers throats at every opportunity then it's time to say enough is enough.

The gambling industry makes billions of dollars globally and again that's fine but not at the expense of people's lives and general well being. The whole smoking thing started off as almost glamorous, the ruggedness of a man on a horse having a fag brought in millions of people to the world of smoking, but then gave many of them cancer. The same with gambling, the lure of fame and fortune at casinos or great days out on the punt with friends so long as you're gambling have been placed in ads that suck people in and ruins some of their lives.

Good luck to gambling companies making billions but to the coke snorting twats that profit off the hardships of others as a result of gambling I hope you choke on your breakfast.

Good move Albo.

ALBO'S ISSUE

So we saw the Albo address to the nation and he got hammered for it, especially from Joe Bogan aka Karl Stefanovic who said it was a waste of time but while it's hard to disagree with what's being said the issues for Albo will be what happens next.

The media, the bloggers, the podcasters, the anti vax conspiracy theorists, the libs are all out for drama and they didn't get it when Albo addressed the nation, but if they do get it after Easter mark my words Albo is finished. Since Bondi Albo has been saying calm the farm, stop the hate, stop the division and now have a happy Easter and go about life normally. If however he introduces restrictions on petrol and diesel and forces any kind of limits on movement it's over and will prove once and for all never trust a politician.

Not many of us would believe what politicians say but Albo has indeed been out there basically trust me I've got this, when it's looked all really looked bit shaky. Now while Albo can't predict what Trump will do if he's not doing or making the tough decisions now to counter what may happen he's again looking at trouble. The thing about the media and the podcasters is they can whip up a storm of panic which is what Albo alluded to at the national press club. In some ways he was right to say what he did but this is the modern world and it's the reality of being a public figure or being a politician. Some will call it accountability, others like Albo will say it's panic and misinformation but his real problems will start if the petrol dries up.

I have to say I do actually have some empathy for not only Albo here but with global leaders in general here. The world is at the whim of a complete lunatic and his administration so leaders are indeed struggling to work out how to manage supply chains but if they do get it wrong they will be hung out to dry by every blogger, podcaster and media outlet from here to kingdom come!

LIBS IN DISARRAY

Freedom of the individual, the right to live your life the way you choose, less government involvement in people's lives, supporting people to have the life they want and the support of free enterprise...

Now I am paraphrasing slightly but those words are amongst the ideologies of the Australian liberal party. When you read them you think hey they make a lot of sense but when you look at the Liberal party at any level you ask where is any of it?

The liberal party has lost touch with who they are, what they stand for and have totally forgotten that they are supposed to represent the people of Australia rather than their own individual and shallow interests. There is the famous story of John Howard being asked how he knocked off Hawke and Keating and he said he was sick of losing and demanded the party unite and move forward! They did and won repeatedly, this new liberal lot couldn't organise a root in a brothel and are devoid of any kind of real plan to actually hold Labor to account.

Albo was at the national press club yesterday blaming misinformation on new media etc but he can also blame the libs for their inability to hold anyone accountable for their own actions. The libs in Victoria have gone after Moira Deeming but totally fucked up and are now looking at having her back when there are a number within the party room that wanted her gone! How's that going to work? At federal level Angus Taylor had his own address to the nation but was even more pointless than Albo's! I mean seriously it's not hard to see why people on the right are turning to One Nation!

Canadian PM Mark Carney said that the middle powers need to work together on a way forward and now Australia needs to start accepting that until One Nation is electable we need a plan to work with Labor because the Libs are not coming to save us.

THE CULTURE

Puccini and Wagner

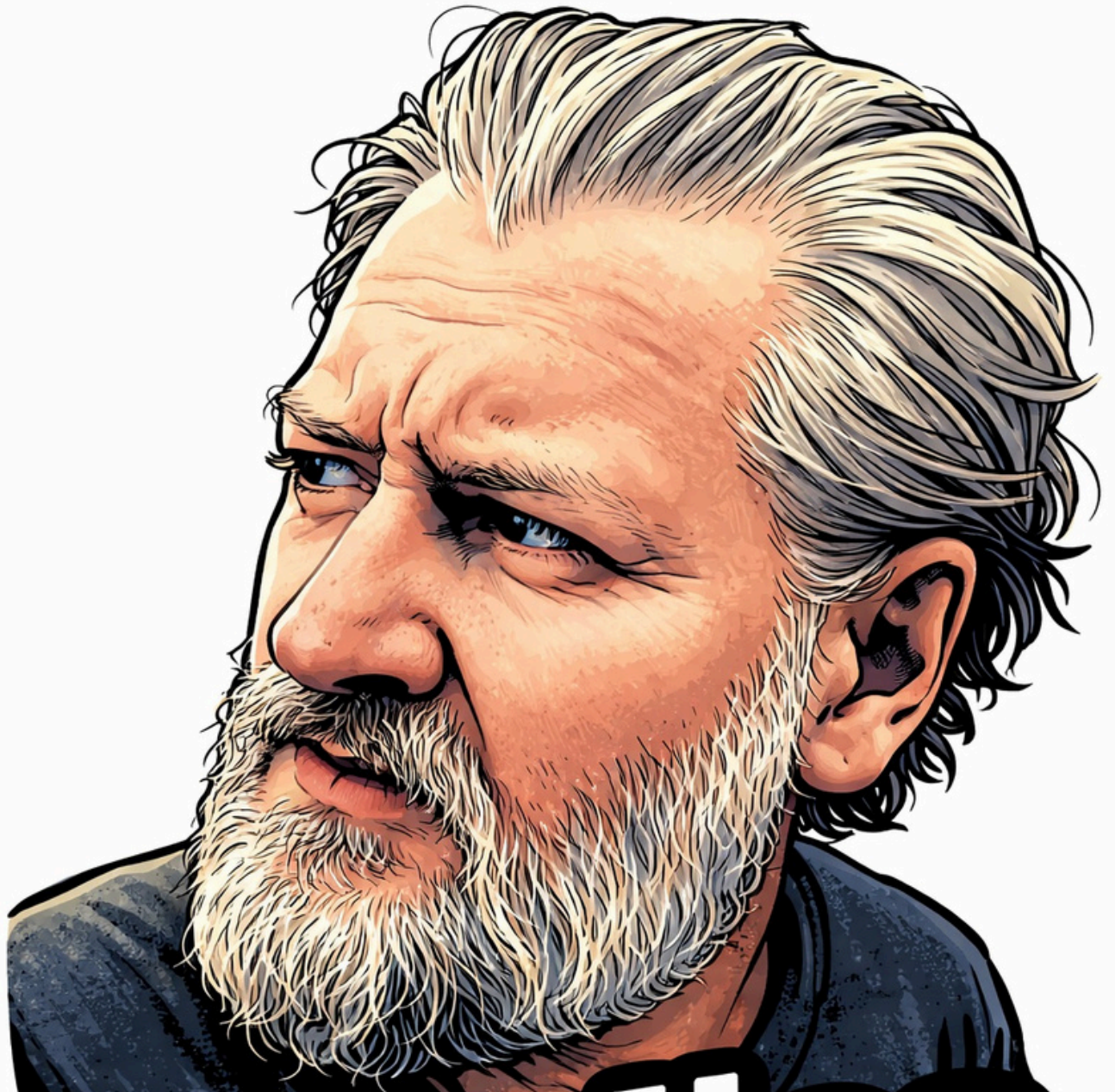
Puccini was for me the last populist opera composer and while Verdi was a genius Wagner is the king of opera. Now I know there are those that will disagree given Verdi wrote operas comparable with Shakespeare but it was Wagner that gave us the complete operatic experience.

Puccini was of course influenced by Verdi but at the core of what Puccini wrote was Wagner. The music from *Manon Lescaut* in particular isn't Verdi rather it's Wagner as are the through composition style. The mighty tenor aria *Nessun Dorma* has the top note but it doesn't end on a big chord progression rather it resolves the melody but quickly moves on with no break between scenes. This is exactly how Wagner wrote his main arias, magnificent melodies with highs and lows but through composed. Theo aria *Winterstürmme* from *Walküre* is case in point. A rolling melody that has the tenor singing at the height of their powers but no self indulgent ending.

Wagner was all about the entire operatic experience. The man went so far as to design his own instruments to get the sound he wanted. The Wagner tuba can be seen in use in the documentary of the Solti Ring. A recording that still astonishes in its complexity and quality is testament to the fact that Wagner was the opera master.

Wagner didn't just create instruments, push singers to their limits and write through compositions he also built a theatre! Bayreuth is the home of Wagner, a purpose built arena dedicated to all things Wagner! An orchestra pit to hold the massive bands he demanded, a theatre that naturally amplifies the singers and space that can cope with the extraordinary demands of staging a Wagner performance.

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