

# Why is life so expensive in Australia?

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Why is life so expensive in Australia, why are food services, petrol prices skyrocketing? Why does Government - except for expensive advertisement campaigns and creating useless websites - do next to nothing?

Because higher prices are creating for our government higher INCOME by way of higher taxes including GST and this is good for whom? - Who are the people who have income from taxation - politicians and bureaucrats? Do you think that these people will deliberately decrease money lining their pockets?

## Plastic Bags

I am puzzled by recent government ideas and problem solving.

I do not understand why the government would like to put 99 cents levy on a plastic bag (and later abandon this project), when there is a simple and elegant solution by telling people that they could buy reusable environmentally green bags in all supermarkets for 95 cents or to bring their own bags and all soft plastic bags could therefore be banned.

## Electricity, telephone etc.

I do not understand why the government likes to sell strategic resources as electricity or telephone; it is not like a cake shop. Not that your daily life is dependent on cakes, but nearly everybody is able to bake cakes himself or set up shop as it is not so expensive. Electricity, petrol, telephone, in this case we are unable to do it ourself as creating a shop to sell electricity, water, petrol etc is laughable and impossible even for very wealthy people.



The same is employment and housing in Australia. The government does not have the ability to employ and house our entire nation, but is able to create environment that support this.

## Unemployment

On the other hand it is not just in Australia, but around the world, any governments are able to create statistical methodology for cover ups, they often do not lie but what they are telling their citizens is far from the truth, like "our xyz" (education, health services, police, food quality - just fill what you like) is one of the best on the earth. It just could be explained that this is a personal opinion of politicians and could just mean that "we are not the last one but at the forefront of statistics". For example, if we have large unemployment and not enough jobs, we just create a system, that everybody who is unemployed more than 4 weeks has to join "Agency" and sign a contract that he will attend "job searching" for 22 hours per week, and he is now more included in the statistics as "unemployed".

Companies have a choice to employ people as "full time" and pay superannuation, insurances etc, which means that, as an example employee with \$800 per week wages will cost the employer around \$2000 per week, or the company may employ a person or contract, where you do not have to pay so many things and employer will save more than \$500, but the contract could be signed only for a few cases over two

years, and the employee can't just apply for the same job again but the Job has to be advertised in the newspaper.

There suddenly you do not have so many unemployed citizens and in the newspapers are thousands of jobs.

Why the government creates this cover up is because politicians and bureaucrats are scared to tell the truth to their own citizens - voters. Because not one of them knows how to solve the problem.

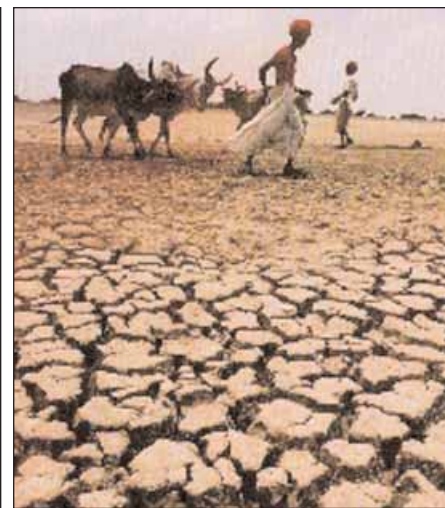
What about creating a compulsory army: everybody who reaches 20 years has to do service for one year (university students will join the army after studies). This army will have at least three months training in defence, and the rest of the time will build roads, plant trees or do similar community works.

This unprofessional army will have free accommodation, free clothes and food supplied by the government and therefore minimum wages (just for personal things as cigarettes, beer etc). This will create thousands of jobs just by moving thousand of young people from the job market to the army for a year.

## Housing

The shortage of housing and subsequently high prices of rent and properties on the market at the same time is creating higher rates, stamp duties, etc. and who do you think will benefit and profit from it?

If federal, state or local governments properly "rezone" land, that centres on



suburbs and around major roads with high traffic, change from two storey to 30 storey buildings, free more available land and at the same time give property investors a better deal, the situation would be different.

## Drought

Similar situations is with drought. Anyone could tell the government that posters and newspaper, radio or TV advertisements will not solve the problem? Subsidy to farmers is just like a small band aid put on a broken leg. Did you notice when you drive through the country you can see how clouds are created on top of forested hills and on top of bare hills is just the blue clear sky? Most of the people know that a forest is a natural water reservoir. I would like to know why governments do not reforest Australia, give money to farmers for planting trees and care for these growing trees.

## Guns

As everybody knows, every criminal is able to get a gun. The government argues that more guns amongst citizens are dangerous, but this is not true.

In Switzerland, for example, every man has a well lockable cabinet at home with machine guns, ammunition for a few days including grenades or other weapons and an army uniform. Switzerland - in case of attack - is able to have armed forces in few minutes. I have never heard about high criminality in Switzerland, did you?

How many criminals will attack you if they know that you are armed and able to defend yourself?

For some governments it is also scary to know that they govern citizens who are armed and if governments put them into a desperate situation they could rise against it...

## A Montreal area man loses fight to keep painted Greek flag on garage door

MONTREAL — A Quebec superior court told Theodore Antonopoulos last week that he had to



remove the large Greek flag painted on his garage door.

But the Montreal resident is considering appealing the decision.

"I'll speak with my lawyer and see what's involved time-wise, money-wise," Antonopoulos said in a phone interview.

It's been more than four years since Antonopoulos painted the blue-and-white flag on the garage door of his Montreal-area home in a fit of patriotic fervour during the 2004 European soccer championships.

Greece had just won a surprising victory over host Portugal.

Antonopoulos was fined \$138 by the Montreal borough of Pierrefonds-Roxboro when an inspector turned up after a neighbour's complaint and

ordered it removed.

He contested the fine at the municipal court but lost in 2007.

He then hired Montreal human rights lawyer Julian Grey, who argued that the bylaw involved was illegal because it infringed on Antonopoulos' right to freedom of expression.

But in her ruling, Superior Court judge France Charbonneau wrote that the municipality had the right to set uniform standards within its jurisdiction and upheld the bylaw, which prohibits residents from installing a sign that is painted or reproduced on a building or a fence.

Antonopoulos said he is disappointed in the ruling.

And despite the flap, the flag is still there. "I'm not sick of it at all," he said.