

Set Telstra free



This article by Mike Nahan, Executive Director of the IPA, first appeared in his regular column, Victoria Trends,

in the Herald Sun on 15 January this year under the title, "Bells ring louder for the sale of Telstra".

THE AMERICA Online (AOL) and Time Warner merger in January sends a clear message to our politicians—set Telstra free.

The merger makes it clear that the era of convergence and global media giants is upon us. AOL, with 24 million subscribers in 15 countries including Australia, is the world's largest Internet service provider. Time Warner is the world's largest media company with more than 1 billion TV viewers, 120 million magazine readers, 13 million cable subscribers and around 1 billion movie viewers.

The merger—valued at \$270 billion—brings together the Internet, cable TV and content expertise in a dramatic way. It creates a global firm able to offer a full range of services in a variety of media around the world. The merged entity is now rumoured to be looking to add telecommunications to its armoury.

Of course, the AOL/Time War-

ner merger is hardly the first example of globalisation and convergence. The News Corporation has been moving steadily in these directions for decades. Going global has been the focus of the world's telco's for most of this decade. Even Microsoft is getting into the game, as illustrated by its recent buy-in to a joint venture building broadband cable connections between Asia and North America.

These trends will accelerate over the next few years as the world converts to digital systems.

The trend has profound implication for Telstra and government ownership.

In order to remain a profitable, large, Australian-owned firm, Telstra must match the competition. It must diversify into the converging areas of the Internet, TV and electronic commerce; it must match its global competitors in Australia; and it must go global itself. This is not only in the interests of the 2.3 million Australians who directly own shares in Telstra, but also in the interests of Australia as a whole.

Telstra has been pursuing this path for some time, but will need to do more and faster. Continued government ownership, however, is incompatible with this strategy.

First, the strategy is too risky for governments. The potential profits are large but risks are also high. Government should not—and in the end will not—impose this level of risk on taxpayers.

Second, the Government should not—and in the end will not want to—become a player in the enter-

tainment, e-commerce or Internet industries. This would conflict with its regulatory role, it would inhibit private investors and would be a misuse of taxpayers' assets.

Third, government ownership is incompatible with becoming a global player. Other countries do not want an Australian Government-controlled firm taking a major position in their 'leading edge' industries. Firms also as a rule prefer not to enter into joint venture arrangements with firms controlled by foreign governments. The Australian Government is also unlikely to be really interested in offshore investments—its interests are domestic.

As long as the Government retains ownership of Telstra, Telstra will be restrained from meeting the

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competition and reaching its potential.

Mr Howard is aware of this and wants to privatise Telstra fully. The problem lies with the Senate and its refusal to relinquish control.

Thankfully, Mr Howard has three very powerful allies—an army of Telstra shareholders, a public mad for more Telstra shares and \$50 billion on offer from the sale of Telstra in today's market.



DIARY notes

Forthcoming IPA Events

Feb 16

*The Institute of Engineers
Fellows' Luncheon*
(in conjunction with the IPA)
The Drugs Debate
Dr David Penington, AC

February 17

IPA Dialogue
The State of the Global Warming Debate in the US
Dr Robert C Balling

March 30

IPA Dialogue
Biotechnology and Food: ten thousand years of harvesting crops, ten decades of harvesting genes
Dr David Tribe

June

IPA Conference on NGOs. Accountability and governance in the NGO sector.

For details of times and locations, please contact **Jonna Ingram in the Melbourne office on (03) 9600 4744**

All the latest available on our Website www.ipa.org.au

Press File

The IPA staff not only write for the Review, In Touch and Backgrounders, they make regular submissions to public inquiries and appear frequently in the press and on radio and television. In the last year alone we notched up over 350 media appearances or mentions—a very good strike rate for an organization of our size, and a clear indication that we are not only thinkers, but doers as well.

On the Website, under *Press File*, a selection of the pieces that have recently appeared in the major Australian newspapers by IPA staff can be found. They include op ed pieces, regular columns, articles, debates and some letters to the editor. Recent ones include:

Herald Sun, *Millions Locked Out of Jobs*, by Michael Warby

Australian Financial Review, *NGOs: Lazy Activism*, by Gary Johns

The West Australian, *Howard's Digital Protection Racket*, by Mike Nahan

Courier-Mail, *Let's Make a Quid From Our Asylum*, by Ron Brunton

The Australian, *Commonwealth Stranglehold Is Off the Air*, by Alan Moran

Speeches

References to, and summaries of, various speeches and submissions made by IPA staff can also be found on the Website. These include:

Perils of Public Ownership, by Alan Moran. An Address to the Energy Market Regulation Conference, Melbourne, 1 December 1999.

Stodious Ignorance: How Ministers Can Really Not Know What They Are Talking About, by Michael Warby. A talk to the Netizen seminar on the topic of the *Broadcasting Services (Internet Services) Amendment Act*, 7 October 1999.

Property Rights and Regulatory Takings, by Mike Nahan. Keynote Address to the WA PGA's Property Rights Conference, Mandurah, 25 June 1999.

The Challenge of a Deregulated Market, by Alan Moran. An Address to the Conference: Network Pricing, VoLL Interconnection in the NEM, Melbourne, 29 September 1999.

IPA Submission to the Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Committee of the Senate on the Workplace Relations Amendment (More Jobs, Better Pay) Bill 1999, by Michael Warby. 17 September 1999.

IPA Submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Broadcasting, by Michael Warby. September, and Mike Nahan in December 1999.

PUBLICATIONS ORDER FORM

To simplify things, the Website has an easy-to-use order form when requesting any of our many publications. All current publications are, of course, on display on the home page, and available to read in PDF format.

Fall of the Wall Dinner

Melbourne Celebrates the Tenth Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall

THE IPA HELD a large dinner and celebration on 9 November to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall.

The fall of the Wall was an important symbolic turning point in the twentieth century. More than one hundred members and friends of the IPA turned up to hear the distinguished line-up of speakers: The Hon. Tony Abbott, Paddy McGuinness, Peter Coleman, Ray Evans, Ron Brunton and Nicholas Rothwell.

The unexpected last minute numbers led to some overcrowding, but the atmosphere gave the evening a certain Berlin basement appeal.

Each speaker gave a personal account of the meaning of the fall of the Wall, with a poignant recollection of the actual event in Berlin described by Nicholas Rothwell.

Paddy McGuinness generously donated an actual certified piece of the Wall to be put to auction, and the bidding went to \$145.

The door prize for the best quote from the Cold War era went to Peter Lada quoting Adam Michnik on the communist economy:

“People pretend to work and the state pretends to pay them.”



The Hon. Tony Abbott



Joseph Stalin and Paddy McGuinness



Nicholas Rothwell



Peter Coleman



Ray Evans



Ron Brunton

“An anthology of communist follies would do more than document absurdities. It would also remind us of the crucial role played in the long decades of the Cold War by people who have no literary or intellectual pretensions. No strategy, no policy of deterrence, no exposure of communist lies would have had a hope of success without the commonsense, loyalty, phlegm and the straightforward idea of right and wrong of the ordinary man and woman. Sometimes it is character, not brains, that triumphs in the end.”

Peter Coleman

Harold Clough Lecture

Private Conservation: Markets, Politics and Voluntary Action

The second annual *Harold Clough Lecture* and Luncheon in Perth was given this year by Michael De Alessi, Director of the Center for Private Conservation (US). He is a world expert on private conservation.

Michael De Alessi used the Western Australian Regional Forestry Agreements to illustrate how the politics that come with public ownership can have a divisive effect on the community, commerce and the environment.

He detailed the alternative—private conservation. This entails, he said, individuals, associations and organizations responding to opportunities to make profits or simply to the love of nature. It allows nature to be well protected without regulation, tax funding or government ownership.

Private conservation, he claimed, builds on the creativity and ingenuity of many individuals



Harold Clough, Michael De Alessi, John Hyde

and allows those who value the environment highly to put their money and energy directly to good use rather than into political action. He outlined the potential for private conservation activity and showed how it was vastly superior to government regulation. ■

Forthcoming Publications from the IPA

IPA Backgrounder

Biotechnology and food: ten thousand years of harvesting crops, ten decades of harvesting genes

by David Tribe

Professor Tribe explains, within a fascinating historical context, why genetically modified (GM) foods are becoming so important for our future.

First, current staple foods are often nutritionally poor and GM technology offers new opportunities for improving them and removing undesirable toxins.

Second, plant pests and diseases are constantly evolving, and the

current barely adequate global food supply needs continued rejuvenation. Conventional plant breeding was extremely important in proving such strategies in the 20th century, but is too slow to provide for the increased ecological and economic stresses of the 21st century.

Third, imbalance between food supply and increased demand is likely to push food prices up over the next few decades, a trend unprecedented during the 20th century, which was remarkable for the extent of agricultural technological innovation.

If the generally complacent views of the public concerning GM foods prevail, they could threaten the success of GM foods, creating adverse effects on the environment and human welfare.

This Backgrounder seeks to address the problem by articulating the scientific arguments without getting too enmeshed in technical detail.

IPA Policy Paper

Broadcasting planning and entrenched protection of incumbent broadcasters

by Franco Papandrea

With digital broadcasting, the television industry is at the threshold of massive change. It presents enormous opportunities for the development of an efficient, market-oriented industry that maximises economic and social benefits. The current, highly prescriptive licensing policies need to be changed to avoid waste and ensure that the industry is not encumbered with inefficient structures for decades to come.

IPA Backgrounder

Genetically modified food in Australia: questions, answers and uncertainties

by John Hyde

This document will be a clear, succinct and objective summary of the main questions and concerns of the public about genetically modified food. The document will include an extensive bibliography as well as examples

This backgrounder will be published in electronic form on our Website at

**www.ipa.org.au
with links to other sites, books, people and chat lines.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

The IPA's financial outcome for 1998/99 is available from our Website [www.ipa.org.au] as well as the ASIC [asic.gov.au].

The activities of the Institute were well supported with revenues of \$799,158 received from all sources during the year. Expenses were \$857,256 for the year resulting in a deficit of \$58,908.

During the year the Institute was very active in terms of publications, media appearances and conferences. It also began the Media Monitoring Unit, which, although costly, highlighted the serious problems of bias in the media.

The Board and staff of the IPA are grateful for the strong vote of confidence shown by our supporters.

RETIRING IPA BOARD MEMBERS

Mr Michael Robinson has, after serving eleven years, retired as President and from the Board. Michael's contribution of ideas and leadership, particularly over the last three years as President, has been immense.

Mr Hugh Morgan has given 19 years' service and played a key role in the revitalization of the Institute during the early 1980s and has been a staunch supporter ever since.

Mr Baillieu Myer has made a substantial contribution in his relatively short time on the Board.

Without the efforts of these three men, not only would the Institute be a much less potent force, but Australia would be a much less prosperous, dynamic and fair nation.

On behalf of the Board and staff we wish them well. All three men will be missed, but, as Michael Robinson commented, it is time for new blood and a generational change.

NEW IPA CHAIRMAN

Mr John B Prescott, AC, Chairman, Horizon Private Equity Pty Ltd.

John was Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of BHP un-

til March 1998. He is presently a non-executive Director of Normandy Mining Limited and a member of a range of societies and boards. He recently completed an independent Review of the Australian Submarine Project for the Minister for Defence.

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IPA Dialogues

The IPA held a number of its informal Dialogues towards the end of last year. These talks are held in our Melbourne office and are open to the public.

September 29

Whose ABC?

Michael Warby

Based on his just-released Backgrounder, Michael Warby gave a witty talk on staff capture of the ABC. In this ongoing saga of finding redemptive pathways for ABC reform, it is anticipated that Michael will continue, through the Media Unit, to pursue the goal of achieving, or contributing towards one day achieving, a balanced media.

October 12

Risk Assessment and Decision Making for Genetically Modified Foods

Professor Aynsley Kellow

In the first of the IPA's talks on genetically modified foods, and on the occasion of the launching of his Backgrounder, Professor Kellow, of the School of Government, University of Tasmania, gave an account of the need for and principles of assessing the risk of genetically modified food, and explored the reasons for public concern, the scientific difficulties and the political incentives for misinformation. He argued the need for sound, peer-reviewed science; for a thorough consideration of the costs and benefits; for openness and transparency and the need to ensure public trust in the decision-making process.

November 4

Trial and Tribulation Along the Path from Communism to a Market Economy

Dr Gronkiewicz-Waltz

The IPA had the honour of welcoming Dr Gronkiewicz-Waltz, President of the Polish Central Bank, for a talk on *Trial and Tribulation Along the Path from Communism to a Market Economy*. Dr Gronkiewicz-Waltz gave guests a rare insight into the financial workings of an Eastern European country, and the enormous problems it confronts. During her time

in the Bank, Dr Gronkiewicz-Waltz has been responsible for the redenomination of the zloty, the introduction of the floating exchange rate, strengthening of the independence of the Bank, and the development of a market-based banking system.

November 17

The Role and Perspective of the Church in Politics

Dr George Pell

The Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr Pell, gave a very polished talk to a large, attentive audience. Known for his rigorous thinking on moral and political issues, the Archbishop gave very pointed comments concerning the drug harm minimization programme, the goods and services tax and even the Republic (this latter as an individual). He is clearly cognisant of the maxim, "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, and to God that which is God's", but when there are clear issues of public morality, Dr Pell believes that church leaders can, and sometimes should, speak out publicly.

November 23

Melbourne City Link in an International Context

Peter Samuel

Journalist and editor of the *Toll Roads Newsletter* (US) Peter Samuel has specialized for the past five years in highway and urban transportation affairs. He gave a very informative comparison between Melbourne's City Link and some other major overseas toll roads including a fascinating overview of the state of electronic tolling in North America, describing Toronto's Highway 407, the world's first toll road to make extensive use of licence plate imaging for tolling. He also gave insights into the specific problems encountered by the Melbourne City Link in developing its software. ■

Reconciliation What Does It Mean?

**New Backgrounder
from the IPA**

by

**Gary Johns and
Ron Brunton**

In the last few decades, Aborigines have won freedoms long denied to them. The paternal hands of church and state have largely been removed from their lives. They now have to build a new life out of the ruins of dispossession, and with the full rights and duties of Australian citizenship. Although they are no longer strangers in their own land, their land is not the same as it was. It is immensely more bountiful and it is owned by the whole nation.

This Backgrounder takes a critical look at the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation's Draft Document. The Document seeks to place the relationship between Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders and the wider community on a new and more equitable footing. But the Council's approach is unlikely to bring about its commendable vision of 'a united Australia which respects this land of ours; values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage; and provides justice and equity for all'.

The Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation wants Aborigines to have a unique status and the freedom to determine their own destinies somewhat comparable to the freedom they possessed before European settlement. Some aspects of the strategy of self-determination, however, may not help Aboriginal people at all, some may be unacceptable to the nation as a whole, and some may simply invite a new paternalism. If Aborigines are to recover from their long period of suffering, they may have to accept that while governments can place tools in their hands, governments cannot live their lives for them.

intouch EVENTS

August 21 Gary Johns presented a paper at the *Quadrant* "Rousseau v Reality" seminar in Sydney with the title *Reconciliation: Read the Fine Print*. The talk was published in *Quadrant* and has now become the basis for his latest Backgrounder on Reconciliation (details on p.6).

August 28 Michael Warby presented a paper to the 20th conference of the H.R. Nicholls Society on the budgetary imperatives driving reform.

September 24 An IPA Energy Forum was held at which the South Australian Treasurer, Robin Lucas, was guest speaker. Mr Lucas explained the process of privatization of the electricity industry in South Australia, the first phase of which was completed in December with the sale of ETSA.

September 29 Alan Moran delivered an address, *The Challenge of a Deregulated Market*, to the Conference, "Network Pricing, VoLL Interconnection in the NEM", in Melbourne. Against the background of market trends in the price of electricity between the States, Alan raised some policy issues including the ACCC's merger restraints, regulatory price setting outcomes and the need to press for regulatory disengagement.

October 7 Michael Warby gave a talk to a Seminar on online content legislation on how difficult it is for Ministers to be fully informed in an area of considerable technological change and where policy is being made to tight deadlines.

Michael also appeared before the Senate Committee looking into Minister Peter Reith's 'second round' reforms to support his IPA written submission, co-authored with John Hyde.

October 2 Michael Warby delivered a paper, *The Consumer Soci-*

ety: Has Its Use-by Date Expired? for the 'Resilient Ranges' Talk at the Dandenong Ranges Community Cultural Centre, arguing that the consumer society could cope with environmental pressures.

October 30 Mike Nahan gave a talk at the Clough Annual Strategic Planning Meeting in Perth. The focus was on infrastructure strategic issues, economic outlook and policy issues and how they impact on structural development in Australia.

November 16 Mike Nahan was invited by the Armidale Business Corporation to talk about rural regeneration and the need to limit the restrictions on shopping. How does a city like Armidale adjust to declining rural prices, and how does the area make the best of the present economic climate.

Later that day, Mike gave an address in Sydney for a group of Unilever's Asian corporate affairs executives. The topic was about NGOs and how they have become one of the most significant public affairs phenomena over the last 50 years, rising in influence and trust and resources, just as governments and political institutions are declining in influence and trust.

November Mike Nahan gave a talk on the precautionary principle as it applies to genetically modified food for the annual AVCARE Conference in Canberra.

December Alan Moran made a submission to the enquiry, *Proposed Labelling Provisions for Genetically Modified Foods under Food Standard A18*. The IPA submission, *Labelling Genetically Modified Foods*, was concerned that over-regulation of this technology would frustrate its take-up, to the disadvantage of the Australian consumer and producer. A series of recommendations were put to ensure that this did not occur but at

the same time to allow the development of confidence in the technology on the part of consumers.

December 1 Alan Moran gave an address, *Perils of Public Ownership*, to the Energy Market Regulation Conference held in Melbourne. He made the observation that those State governments that have not privatized their energy businesses are chalking up considerable losses as a result of mismanagement and political intervention in commercial matters. On the other hand, Victoria has outperformed other parts of the industry across Australia. ■

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November 1999

Victorian industrial revolution

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Alan Moran*

A comprehensive collection of articles—including two of his own—examining the privatisation process and outcomes in Victoria during its remarkable reform period.

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28.8.99 *Herald Sun*, Success without structure, **Mike Nahan**
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4.9.99 *Canberra Times*, Father of economic rationalism, **Michael Warby**
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