

# A QUARTER CENTURY HISTORY OF GOVERNMENT DECEIT, BETRAYAL, & ABANDONMENT OF DEMOCRACY

Julie Bishop signs the [\\$2-3 trillion 2030 agenda](#) for a further 15 years of costly betrayal

**GOVERNMENT SAYS UN'S 2030 AGREEMENT IS 'NON-BINDING'; BUT WILL IT REMAIN NON-BINDING FOR THE PEOPLE?**

The [2030 UN Agenda](#) is 'non-binding' [stresses the Australian government](#):

*"While non-binding, the 2030 Agenda will be highly influential, shaping development cooperation and finance flows from a range of sources, including nation states.....The 2030 Agenda is non-binding but has unprecedented buy-in as a result of consultation and negotiations involving all 193 UN member states, the private sector and civil society."*

The UN agrees their [Transformative 2030 SDG agenda](#) is 'not legally binding': *"While the SDGs are not legally binding, governments are expected to take ownership and establish national frameworks for the achievement of the 17 Goals."*

**BUT UN SAYS 'VOLUNTARY' 2030 AGENDA SHOULD BE ENFORCED BY INCORPORATION INTO NATIONAL LEGISLATION**

According to UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon in his January 2016 report, "[Critical milestones towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review at the global level](#)":

*"Incorporation of the Sustainable Development Goals in national frameworks. The review could outline critical initiatives that the country has undertaken to adapt the Sustainable Development Goals and targets to its national circumstances, and to advance their implementation. It may describe national efforts made to integrate the Goals into the country's legislation, policies, plans and programmes,"*

In the Synthesis Report, [Preparations of the Secretary-General Report on Follow-Up and Review Compilation of Agencies' Comments](#), the UN again stresses that the provisions of the 'voluntary' 2030 agreement must be incorporated into national laws to enable 'enforcement': *"Countries can use a qualitative approach to establish their base-line and then continuous progress through stages of policy drafts, transposition into law, guidelines and acts in place and enforcement."*

Similarly, [according to Concord](#): *"In 2016 governments must show strong ownership of Agenda 2030 by aligning policies, resources and legislation in support of the SDGs, with input from and in collaboration with civil society all over the world."*

**Will the Australian government legislate to force Australians to obey the dictates of the UN's 2030 agreement?**

**THE AGENDA 21 PRECEDENT – 24 YEARS OF BIPARTISAN BETRAYAL, & ENFORCEMENT OF THE UN'S UNDEMOCRATIC 'VOLUNTARY' AGENDA 21/ESD PROGRAM**

[Agenda 21](#), initially [signed by Ros Kelly in the Keating government](#), was promoted as a [voluntary](#) or [non-binding](#) international agreement. [Agenda 21 was renewed by Julia Gillard in 2012](#) when it was announced it would be expanded and renamed as the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 agenda at the Rio +20 conference. This commitment was recorded in the outcome document, [The Future We Want](#)". That same year however, Greg Hunt claimed [Agenda 21 "is a 20 year old, dead, non-binding declaration."](#) In spite of this, in 2002, Greg was part of the [Employment in the environment: Methods, Measurements and Messages](#) enquiry, Chaired by Bruce Billson, which discussed methods used by the Commonwealth to coerce Councils into implementing Agenda 21. [A decade later however, Greg also claimed](#) *"we have no powers over local Governments", "Councils can use any number of excuses to justify their actions," & "Councils should not misuse a 20 year old agreement."*

For 24 years Commonwealth and State governments legislated to enforce various provisions of the undemocratic 'voluntary' Agenda 21 program to enable Australian citizens to be penalised for not complying with the dictates of the UN ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#), [8](#), [9](#), [10](#), [11](#), [12](#), [13](#), [14](#), [15](#), [16](#), [17](#)). Successive governments used a variety of mechanisms to enable implementation of Agenda 21 while completely avoiding democratic scrutiny ([1](#), [3](#)). The UN instructed all countries that Agenda 21/ESD must be embedded in the bureaucracy to ensure voters are unable to discontinue the program by electing a new government (see p17, [Guidance in Preparing a Sustainable Development Strategy](#); see also [Embedding the Environment in Sustainable Development Goals](#)). Successive Australian governments cooperated with this directive and bureaucratically embedded the provisions of Agenda21/ESD to put the program beyond the democratic reach of voters ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [18](#), [19](#), [20](#)). The [Intergovernmental Agreement on the Environment](#) even required signatories (PM + Premiers) to acknowledge that the Australian Constitution is no longer relevant in the era of UN globalisation:

*“RECOGNISE that environmental concerns and impacts respect neither physical nor political boundaries and are increasingly taking on inter-jurisdictional, international and global significance in a way that was not contemplated by those who framed the Australian Constitution”*

**BUT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ADMIT THEY HAVE BEEN LEGISLATING FOR DECADES TO ENFORCE PROVISIONS OF THE UN PROGRAM GREG HUNT DESCRIBED AS A “20 YEAR OLD, DEAD, NON-BINDING DECLARATION”**

As the [Australian government admits on their web site](#), *“Australia’s commitment to Agenda 21 is reflected in a strong national response to meet our obligations under this international agreement.”* And as the Australian government also admit in their [“Road to Rio+20” fact sheet](#):

*“Australia has participated in sustainable development discussions for more than four decades. We have signed international treaties, supported regional initiatives and enacted international commitments through new laws and policies at home”*

One of these new laws was the [EPBC Act](#) introduced by John Howard in 1999, this being the Commonwealth Act which further enforced compliance with *“international obligations”* such as the UN Agenda 21 program ([21](#), [22](#), [23](#)), as admitted by the [“Independent Review of the Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999”](#). As [Chapter 2 of the review points out](#), *“the primary role of the Act – to implement Australia’s international obligation to develop in an ecologically sustainable manner.”* This was reinforced by [Recommendations 2 & 3 of the final Hawke report](#). Howard’s environmental ‘reforms’, [praised by Greg Hunt](#), further ensured Australians were forced to comply with that ‘dead’ undemocratic imported ‘voluntary’ Agenda 21 program which Greg had never heard of. [According to Hugh Morgan](#), the EPBC Act fundamentally changed the nature of environmental law in Australia. Julia Patrick summarises in [“The Radical Ambitions of Green Sustainability”](#):

*“The Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act) brought in by the then Environment Minister, Robert Hill, in 1999, has become a pernicious piece of legislation that is slowly shackling Australia. Along with its enthusiastic handmaiden, the 2003 Native Vegetation Act.....Now, under the smokescreen of protecting the environment, the ever-increasing reach of the EPBC Act gives those who find the present Australia distasteful the opportunity and means to remake Australia as a socialist state. It is sabotage from within.”*

**The government tells Australians Agenda 21 is ‘voluntary’, then they legislate to ensure the people are compelled to obey the UN. Voluntary for government, but legally enforced upon the people at the behest of the UN.**

**COMMONWEALTH EPBC ACT USED TO ENFORCE AGENDA 21 & PENALISE LOCAL COUNCILS EVEN THOUGH ENVIRONMENT MINISTER GREG HUNT SAYS COMMONWEALTH HAS NO POWER OVER COUNCILS!**

According to Ballarat Council in their [“Environment Sustainability Strategy 2012-2014”](#):

*“A number of Local Governments in the western Victorian region have recently been found in breach of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act. These LGAs have received significant fines from the Federal Environment Department. One Local Government in particular estimates that the cost of its breach has cost them in the order of \$1 million, including the fine, legal costs and internal costs. This LGA also has a significant ongoing annual cost as a result.”*

As has recently been pointed out by Lorraine Finlay in her paper [The Attack on Property Rights \(24\)](#), the government attack on private property rights is occurring on many fronts, all 3 levels of governments sterilising property rights by imposing onerous land use restrictions ([24](#), [25](#), [26](#), [27](#), [28](#), [29](#), [30](#), [31](#), [32](#), [33](#), [34](#), [35](#)). As Finlay indicates, increasing use of environmental legislation to sterilise property rights has been confirmed by the Productivity Commission ([24](#)). This government sterilisation of property rights has caused widespread community anger, culminating in the recent tragic death of Environmental Officer Glen Turner ([36](#), [37](#), [38](#), [39](#), [40](#), [41](#), [42](#)). [Moree Plains Shire Mayor Katrina Humphries](#), in commenting upon this tragic incident, summed up the divisive undemocratic anti-Australian political policies which continue to target landholders and infringe land use and property rights:

*“The frustration that people have been pushed to under the likes of the Water Act, coal seam gas, mining, native vegetation - something like this was going to happen.”*

And [according to Ben Pike](#), *“a bitter fight over land clearing exploded in a volley of gunfire with a “respected” farmer accused of shooting dead an environmental officer on a property near Moree.”*

## **AFTER 24 YEARS OF UNDEMOCRATIC UN INTERFERENCE IN AUSTRALIA, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER BARNABY JOYCE SAYS AUSTRALIANS ARE NO LONGER IN CONTROL OF THEIR OWN LAND**

[According to Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Agriculture Barnaby Joyce](#): "You have this crazy situation where you don't own the vegetation on your land, the state government does, and many people have had enough."

These land use restrictions have been driven undemocratically by the UN, with the support of our politicians, Australian voters having been denied any democratic choice by successive governments ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [43](#), [44](#)). As has been noted by Flint & Martinkovitis ([Give Us Back Our Country](#) 2014, p 63-4):

*"the sweeping disregard for property rights particularly affects the nation's primary producers and those with tracts of non-urban land. Indeed, it seems especially aimed at them.....in a number of other ways, legislation has been introduced which renders private property less useful and less valuable than it otherwise would have been.....this is being done by politicians, many of whom are selected by the traditional powerbrokers, and who act in accordance with the agenda of the elites.."*

## **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT & ALP OPPOSITION WANT MORE UNDEMOCRATIC UN INTERFERENCE IN AUSTRALIA**

Foreign Affairs Minister [Julie Bishop wants more undemocratic UN 'sustainability' for all Australians](#).

*"Australia is proud that, as an active participant at the San Francisco conference, we crafted a central element of the Charter – Article 56 – known as "the Australia Pledge". Under this Article, United Nations members pledged to take action, individually and jointly, to and I quote "achieve higher standards of living, ... solutions to international economic, social, health and related problems..., and universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms." Australia took that pledge on signing the Charter in 1945. Today I reiterate that pledge. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, endorsed unanimously last Friday on the floor of the General Assembly, is a manifestation of the Australia Pledge, and a testament to the fundamental role of this organisation. Only the United Nations could have produced this remarkable result"*

Minister for Trade and Investment, Steven Ciobo, recently [travelled to Geneva](#) "to enhance Australia's close cooperation with key multilateral institutions implementing the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development." [Minister Ciobo promotes painting Australia UN blue](#):

*"I thank the Museum of Australian Democracy for hosting us this evening and for also joining over 25 other Australian landmarks which will be lighting up blue as part of the global Turn the World UN Blue campaign.....I am told the official shade is called Pantone 279 if you want to run down to Bunnings for a can of paint. Working together with the traditional owners, in a world-first, Uluru will be lit up as well.....The agreement of the 2030 development agenda in September this year is a testament to what the UN has the potential to accomplish. It gives us a bold and ambitious set of goals and priorities for the next 15 years to realise the vision of ending extreme poverty within a generation.....Just as Australia played a key role in shaping the UN Charter in 1945, now we must also be a strong advocate for the UN to ensure it remains relevant and effective. Because a strong UN means a better world for us all."*

Although The Australian government has gone to great lengths to deny citizens a democratic choice and remove Agenda 21/2030 Agenda from the electoral agenda [recently they emphasised the importance of community involvement in response to a UN survey](#):

*"Australia considers that all stakeholders should be actively encouraged to participate in follow up and review, including civil society, the private sector, multilateral development organisations, and the academic and scientific community. Our vision for the HLPF would see all stakeholders engaged in speaking roles, running side events, and participating in interactive sessions to contribute their ideas and analysis into follow up and review discussions."*

**Given these facts it is extremely odd, that when asked if they intend to legislate to enforce the SDG's and the 2030 Agenda, as they did with Agenda 21, both Julie Bishop & Greg Hunt persistently refuse to answer. CAN YOU GET AN ANSWER?**

## **FROM 1994-2010 THE ALP INCLUDED UN AG21 IN OFFICIAL POLICY PLATFORM WHILE GILLARD RECOMITS IN 2012**

In 1994 then Foreign Minister Gareth Evans advised the UN in New York ([45](#)), that Australia must be monitored to ensure

compliance with Agenda 21. It seems he forgot to advise the electorate about this back home in Australia.

In the [“International Cooperation” section of their 1994 policy platform](#), the ALP specifically promises to implement AG21. In 2004 the ALP reinforced their commitment to AG21 in Clauses 77 and 78 of Chapter 15, [Australia’s Place in the World, of the 2004 ALP National Platform & Constitution](#). Similarly, the ALP officially includes Agenda 21 in their [Environmental Diplomacy](#) policy detailed in Clause 105-06 of the [2007 ALP National Platform](#). In the [2011 ALP Policy Platform](#) they decided to omit specific reference to Agenda 21 from their official platform. But one year after deciding to delete mention of Agenda 21 from the ALP policy, Julia Gillard renews and expands Australia’s commitment to the AG21/SDG 2015-2030 agenda at Rio+20 (5). In the [2015 ALP National Policy Platform \(46\)](#), the ALP promises even more allegiance to the UN & forcing Australians to obey UN demands even though avoiding any specific mention of AG21.

But when the ALP declares the ‘election issues’ at each election, the above issues ALWAYS seem to be completely missing. It is odd indeed when both major political parties agree, over an astonishing 24 year period, that a supposed sustainability program & cure for global poverty must NOT be mentioned during ANY election campaign.

**ALP SAYS THEY WILL FORCE AUSTRALIANS TO COMPLY WITH “INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS”. ALP OFFERS NO SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC AUSTRALIAN LAWS!**

[Former Climate Change Minister Greg Combet confirms](#) when it comes to climate change, the UN comes first, the Australian people come last. Democracy and the views of the Australian people must not interfere with the ALP’s subservience to the UN.

[The Australian Labor Party Policy Platform states](#): “We (the ALP) are.... committed to the United Nations..... Existing international environmental protection regimes need to be strengthened..... Labor will adhere to Australia’s international human rights obligations and will seek to have them incorporated into the domestic law of Australia..... Labor will treat people seeking our protection.....in accordance with our international obligations.....**Labor will legislate to enshrine our international obligations into Australian domestic law**” .....and refugee policy MUST NOT be decided democratically within Australia but must be determined by “[international cooperation](#) ..... Labor will strengthen Australia’s links with the Muslim world, including through the [Organisation of Islamic Cooperation](#)” “Labor in Government will reintroduce...the Refugee Convention into the Migration Act.”

The ALP has stressed that they are committed to the UN, but seems they forgot to mention the Australian people.

**PROMINENT JUDGES & QC’S WARN ABOUT SURRENDERING DEMOCRACY TO FOREIGN ENTITIES (47)**

According to Sir Harry Gibbs, former Chief Justice of the High Court, in [“The Erosion of National Sovereignty”](#):  
“A nation is not sovereign unless it is independent from control from outside its own borders.”

**SUCCESSIVE GOVERNMENTS CLAIM UN AGREEMENTS ARE VOLUNTARY, EVEN AS THEY CONTINUE TO LEGISLATE TO PENALISE AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS & STERILISE PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS, ALL AT THE BEHEST OF THE UN. AND ALL THIS IS DONE BY BYPASSING DEMOCRACY & TRANSFERRING POWER & GOVERNANCE TO THE UN.**

**SEE YOUR LOCAL MEMBER & STAND UP FOR DEMOCRACY, STAND UP FOR AN INFORMED ELECTORATE, & STAND UP FOR AUSTRALIA.**