

How to invest money into land reclamation improve the environment, save money and reduce crime.

My analysis was only based upon slowing the speed on the nominated section of road from 100km/hr to 80km/hr so as to lower the accident rate.

The sizes of the trucks have increased over the past ten years and the road was not designed to carry such large trucks at such a high speed. Simple solution is to slow the speed of the trucks down. The largest trucks used to be semi-trailers i.e. a prime mover and one trailer now they are B doubles a prime mover and two trailers.

This change in the size of trucks has been driven by a change in the structure of Australian Business. We purchase most of our consumables from overseas, which arrive in containers that go to large warehouses. The goods are then redistributed onto large trucks that deliver them to retail outlets owned by large corporate structures.

We used to produce our own consumables either at the point of consumption or within the country. These consumables were transported by lorry or by semi-trailer. The bulk transport was carried out on railway tracks. This system provided local jobs and a healthy locally owned business structure that provided benefit for the whole community.

This change in the structure of local business, perpetuated by both of Australia's major political parties has caused a decline in the availability of employment opportunities, particularly for many younger people who become more dependent upon welfare. One of the consequences of this malaise is the ever present threat of a growing narcotics industry and I do not mean a smoke under the gum tree. Ice Heroin and a wide selection of mind altering substances are being produced and are readily available to any vulnerable members of our community, particularly young unemployed people who live in country towns and are not actively involved in a constructive activity, IE WORK.

These young people become factory fodder for the criminal justice system, a highly sophisticated system that has developed within Australia over the past 230 years. It is the industry of people institutionalisation.

If you analyse the pathway to jail for a young person it is a very expensive and destructive road, for the person for their family and for the community. It takes a lot of time and effort to process a person for a stay in jail, many interactions with the police, many interactions with social workers and programs that are ineffective and underfunded many expensive interactions with the magistrate and the court. I would estimate that destructive pathway

costs the taxpayer around \$400,000 per person before they walk through the iron doors of the jail house. Once housed in the jail it costs another \$100,000 per person per year. A person sentenced for a three year minimum sentence has most likely cost the tax payer \$700,000 by the time of their release from prison. The problem is that the recidivism rate in Australia is about 45%, better put a failure rate in the government provided product of criminal justice of 45% at a cost Of \$700,000 per unit.

There were 7,666 **prisoners** in the **Victorian prison** system on 30 June 2018. This represents an increase of 81.5 per cent on the 30 June 2008 figure of 4,223. An additional 3,443 people at \$700,000 each = approximately 2.4 billion extra dollars which has also required the investment of another 1.8 billion dollars to build a new prison. Note at least \$1.2 billion is wasted as 45% end up going back to jail.

The people who run the “Criminal Justice System” are the lawyers. They have a monopoly over the system with a very large sign on the castle gate that says;

“Go away peasants: All those not carrying the badge of (LLB) “Little Lying bandit” and equipped with wig and gown shall not enter.”

The small print below the sign says.

To enter the learned profession it is preferable that you attend our selected list of private schools in order to complete your degree in Arrogance prior to entering Law school. It is advisable that you attend an approved university residential college during your time at law school so as to bond with your brethren and as an added bonus you will be able to view the exam papers prior to the exams.

For those wishing to become a member of the court it is a prerequisite to have an approved learning difficulty or a defined personality disorder, we have special assistance in the form of prewritten exams to aid and assist you in achieving your dreams.

It is of course essential that this system runs this way in order to keep the lawyer elite employed and to maintain the flow through of people to the institutionalisation industry.

What if we were to spend some of the money that is going to be wasted on this road on the social infrastructure required to run a land reclamation system? We will need some utes and trailers, a few quadbikes with post hole diggers some fertilised soil and some plant tubes, a yard some boots, ect ect but not too hard. I gather prisoners are very cheap to employ when

they are in jail? The naughty ones who are on Community directions orders can come along as well and help out.

I would suggest that at full tilt we could plant 30 trees per day per person, most prisoners are in their for drug related offenses which means there would be at least 4,000 people available to plant. At 30 units a day $4,000 \times 30 = 120,000$ per day = 600,000 per week, 150 trees million per year.

I would bet the recidivism rates would decrease dramatically the number of people entering the criminal justice system would reduce dramatically, the damage that is currently being created by government incompetence in rural areas because of drug addiction would dramatically be reduced and a few prison guards, lawyers, and social workers would have to find a real job. Of course the shares in Sirco would drop and the politicians who support this current mess would have to go and find another street to beg on or just get out of business and let some honest people represent the communities who are crying out for good and honest government.

The Benefit cost ratio of this project as calculated by Major Road Projects Victoria is 0.5 which means the costs will outweigh the financial benefits.

The Environmental Effects Statement does not analyse the loss of any of the trees and does not take into account the damage the road will do to the ecology of the area. In other words an environmental effects statement is another lawyer trick to make it appear to the public that the environment has been considered in the appraisal, not so only the economic environment at a very limited level.

There is zero rational discussion with regards to the alternative solutions to the road and also alternative ways of spending the tax payer's money. As stated above by allocating the funds to social projects there would be immediate benefits.

- Many people who are in jail would be learning a skill
- 150 million trees would be being planted each year in Victoria benefiting the water holding capacity of the land, bringing in more native bird life and plant diversity and improving the aesthetics of the landscape
- Provide the basis for local industry as the money now spent on the courts and incarceration would be more evenly distributed into the rural town ships.
- Reduce the numbers of young people entering the Criminal Justice system and reduce the recidivism rate.

Considering the government has outlaid at least 3.4 billion dollars on incarceration of people over the past ten years without any success one would think it would make sense to put the money into land reclamation projects instead of cultural destruction projects.

By the way the funding for the cultural centre at Halls Gap has been cut from \$500,000

per year down to \$200,000 per year which means all this talk about benefits to aboriginal culture, tourist opportunities, back packers as laid out in the VicRoads Western Highway Project – Section 2: Beaufort to Ararat Economic Impact Assessment Report is just window dressing.

In **Victoria**, 0.8 per cent of the **population** is **Aboriginal** yet they make up 9 per cent of the **prison population**. The Sentencing Advisory Council found that in 2017 the rates of imprisonment for **Aboriginal** and Torres Strait Islanders was 1,833.9 per 100,000 adults compared with 145.4 for all **Victorians**.

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/victoria-s-high-rate-of-indigenous-incarceration-is-a-systemic-problem-20190531-p51t5a.html>