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CEC censored by ABC in population debate

The ABC censored the Citizens Electoral Council's ideas on population from its Q&A debate following Thursday night's broadcast of Dick Smith's "Population Puzzle" documentary, by deliberately excluding CEC Chairman Ann Lawler, and activist Kundan Misra, from the studio audience.

Craig Isherwood, CEC leader and candidate for Wills, running against Dick Smith's depopulation guru Kelvin Thomson, charged Tony Jones and the ABC with stage-managing the debate:

"Everyone who has paid attention to this debate knows the CEC has led it, and has the most scientific contribution to make, but the ABC made sure that was excluded," Craig said.

"Dick Smith was able to buy over an hour of public broadcast time to show a dumbed-down representation of the views of Kelvin Thomson, Prince Philip's Australian Conservation Foundation and its subsidiary Sustainable Population Australia, who all believe we must *cut down* the number of Australians, through: a Chinese-style One Child Policy; dismantling life-supporting electricity and water infrastructure regardless, or more likely, because of the fatal consequences; legally classifying humans similarly to feral cats and cane toads as a 'key threatening process' to biodiversity; and measures to stop climate change. [Please turn over the page for a view of their "sustainable" future.]

"The ABC made sure the only notable 'balance' to that view was from the so-called 'vested interests' of Big Business, to reinforce Smith's claims, and not from the CEC."

Craig reminded people of the ABC's famous 2007

broadcast of "The Great Global Warming Swindle" and subsequent debate:

"The CEC dominated that broadcast debate in 2007, which is undoubtedly why we were excluded this time," he said.

"But remember what we said: all the CEC representatives in that studio audience who got to speak cut through the phoney argument over the fraudulent science, and insisted the issue behind the global warming scam was population reduction.

"The current debate proves how absolutely spot-on we were."

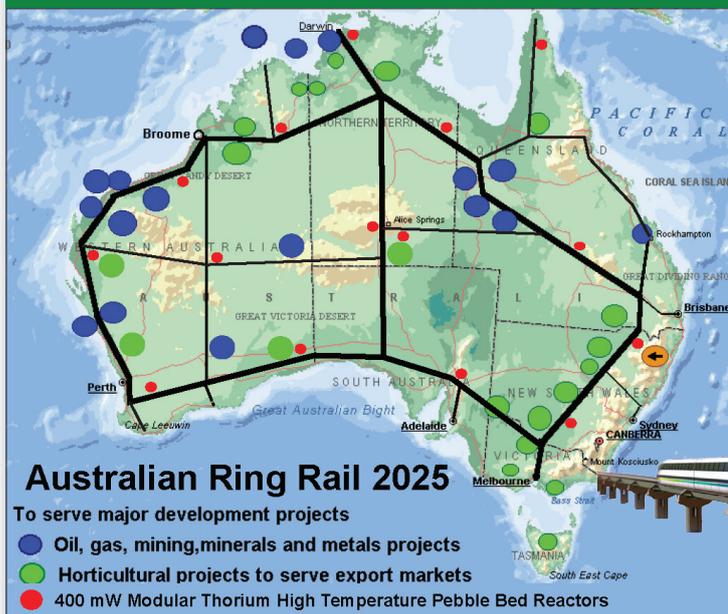
Craig also took issue with the argument Dick Smith made on Channel 10's 9th August *The 7pm Project*, that "There's the cake a certain size—Australia's worth so many trillion dollars—double the population and everyone is worth half as much."

"That is truly dumb," Craig declared. "Our nation's wealth isn't dollars, paper money—our wealth is our people! An economy is only truly prosperous if it is able to support a growing population, at a rising living standard, and what gives it that ability is the creativity of its people, expressed through science, technology, engineering and innovation."

He concluded, "Understood this way, you see that the issue for Australia isn't that we are overpopulated, but that, thanks to decades of British free trade economic looting, we are bankrupt.

"Let's dump the economic policies that are looting us, and the political parties that push them, and go back to a productive economy that can easily support a growing population."

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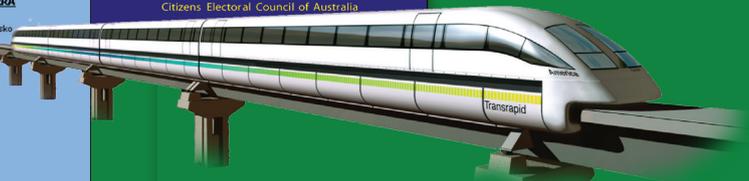
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