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## Treasury still working on Australian ‘bail-in’ law—demand to know what’s in it

Senior Treasury figures have confirmed to the Citizens Electoral Council that the “bail-in” legislation about which the CEC warned in its full-page advertisement in *The Australian* on 3 December, is still under preparation.

(Please go online to view the ad: <http://cecaust.com.au/main.asp?id=bail-in-ad.html>)

In response to the public’s concern, the officials claimed that “bail-in” does not apply to bank deposits, only to a new type of bank bond.

However, given the way bail-in has been applied around the world, and the Australian government’s own track record with bank deposits, the Australian people must demand to know exactly what will be in the legislation.

First, take the government’s approach to bank deposits. Abbott and Hockey are keeping the legislation that Rudd rammed through last year, to seize deposits in bank accounts that have been “inactive” for three years. A government source has revealed that Abbott and Hockey are keeping this measure, because the government is now dependent on this “revenue”.

Second, be aware of how bail-in has been implemented in other countries, under the supervision of the same IMF-Financial Stability Board-G20 nexus supervising it in Australia:

- In March 2013 the IMF, European Commission and European Central Bank bailed in depositors in the major banks of Cyprus, when the impending failure of those banks threatened to ignite another wave of bank failures across Europe. Even though this seizure of deposits was for amounts above the guaranteed threshold of 100,000 euros, it so destroyed confidence in the banking system that all accounts were frozen to avoid bank runs, and

Cyprus was plunged into financial chaos and economic collapse.

- That same month the president of the Eurozone finance ministers, Jeroen Dijsselbloem, declared the Cyprus bail-in was now the “template” for the entire Eurozone.

- On 13 October 2013 the IMF’s Fiscal Monitor report proposed a one-off, across-the-board seizure of 10% of the private wealth of the citizens of Europe, from their bank accounts, to reduce public debt.

- The Reserve Bank of New Zealand has implemented its own bail-in policy called Open Bank Resolution, in which depositors have no protection, but like all “unsecured creditors” will see a portion of their accounts seized to keep the bank going. The RBNZ brags that its OBR policy is aligned with the Financial Stability Board’s Key Attributes of Effective Resolution Regimes, which includes bail-in. (Please go online to read it: [http://www.rbnz.govt.nz/regulation\\_and\\_supervision/banks/policy/4933917.html](http://www.rbnz.govt.nz/regulation_and_supervision/banks/policy/4933917.html))

Under the pressure they are getting from the public, the Australian government is trying to claim that

its planned bail-in law doesn’t involve seizing deposits, but the public should not accept that reassurance until it is shown in writing in the legislation.

The CEC is leading the fight to force the government to come clean on this issue, and abandon any plans it has for depositor bail-ins. Join the fight!

Please go online to sign the CEC’s statement against bail-in and, instead, for a Glass-Steagall separation of risky investment banking from retail banking, so that deposits in retail banks are kept safe: <http://cecaust.com.au/main.asp?id=bail-in-ad.html>

**Treasury seeks legal advice for bail-in**

**2010-2011.** As the government department responsible for drafting bail-in legislation, the Treasury contracted the Government Solicitor for legal advice.

 **Australian Government**  
**The Treasury**

**THE TREASURY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2010-11**

**Table 7: List of new consultancies over \$10,000 in 2010-11**

Consultant name	Description	Contract price \$	Selection process <sup>(1)</sup>	Justification <sup>(2)</sup>
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal services for the Takeovers Panel	\$50,000	Select tender	A
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal services relating to cost recovery for litigation process	\$12,000	Open tender	A
Australian Government Solicitor	Tied legal advice on bail-in mechanism in Australia	\$15,000	Direct sourcing	A
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice in relation to Roy Morgan Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation	\$28,600	Panel	A
Australian Government Solicitor	Tied legal advice on bail-in mechanism in Australia			

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Please leave all the required details.

# You know nothing about the Ukraine crisis if you haven't seen this video

Please go online: <http://larouchepac.com/node/30169> to view the actual raw footage of the violent, neo-Nazi protestors who dominated the Ukrainian uprising from its beginning in late November, and who the British and Obama backed to overthrow the government, as part of their targeting of Russia. The footage was presented in a 24 February press conference in Paris by Dr Natalia Vitrenko, the leader of Ukraine's Progressive Socialist Party, who has been warning about the rise of these neo-Nazis for a number of years. When you see this footage you will realise that all of the TV news reports you saw on Australian television were censored, so that the public did not see the Nazi violence that the media was reporting as peaceful democratic protests.

Dr Vitrenko is a fierce critic of the overthrown government, and condemns both sides for violence, but she shows using raw video footage that the so-called democratic protestors were not a spontaneous gathering of ordinary citizens, but were dominated by organised and trained guerrillas who were intent on instigating a bloody showdown. She acknowledges instances when the Ukrainian police did perpetrate violence, but the footage shows examples of the police exercising enormous constraint to not attack the protestors, even when they were being beaten with sticks and bombed with Molotov cocktails. The populations of the Western nations must face the fact that in Ukraine we have witnessed the most dangerous fascist uprising since Hitler's SA Brownshirts, but our governments are siding with the Brownshirts.



Oleh Tyahnybok (top), the head of Svoboda, denounces a "Moscow-Jewish mafia" that he says rules Ukraine. A battalion of the paramilitary arm of Svoboda, called the "Patriots of Ukraine" (bottom), rallying in Kiev wearing the Nazi Wolfsangel, brandishing chains and batons as weapons, January 2014.

The entire video lasts 50 minutes, but for those pressed for time the raw footage can be viewed at time intervals 20.08-24.20, 24.35-28.55, and 30.40-35.15. Online address: <http://larouchepac.com/node/30169>

## What you can do:

Call or email Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop to demand that Australia object to our Anglo-American allies over their instigation of the Ukraine crisis, and sponsorship of neo-Nazis.

## Phone, fax or email Foreign Minister Julie Bishop:

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Svoboda party supporters marching in Kiev (top) during January 2014, holding a portrait of the Nazi collaborator Stepan Bandera, who assisted the Nazis in murdering 70,000 Poles and Jews in Ukraine during World War II. The youth group of the Social-National Party of Ukraine (bottom), marching with their Nazi-inspired banner in Lviv in 1999. The party's name evoked that of the German National-Socialist ("Nazi") party. The neo-Nazi Wolfsangel banner was dropped in 2003 and the party was renamed to Svoboda in 2004.