MARY BLUETT – BRANCH PRESIDENT - AEU

Discusses –
AEU – concerns – teacher pay and conditions
Recently 20,000 Principals & teachers – stop work – strike
Bailieu Liberal Govt – pre-election promise –
“Victorian teachers would be the best paid in Victoria”
Govt – proposed – 2.5% increase – insufficient
AEU – No to fixed performance pay
AEU – No fixed term contracts

Strike – planned – 5 September 2012
All out strike – biggest in State Victoria’s history

Gonski report – February 2012
Gonski Reforms – Reforms school funding systems
Govt – increase spending - $6.5 Billion
Cabinet – debate – end of month
States – pressured increase spending on education
Extra funds – higher standard – education = $5billion pa

Economy – education costs per family – increased austerity
Privatisation – education – primary – secondary - tertiary

Labor and Greens stoush – by-election Melbourne
Historic Labor seat – Greens favoured to win
Greens -By-election Policies

Victorian State Govt debt has doubled to $24 billion in two years and is projected to hit $39 billion by 2014.(Steven Mayne by-election)
Australian -Private debt indicators - $2 trillion - Mortgage debt
GDP- 4.5% = $1.5 trillion – Debt = 150% GDP

DAVID COLLYER – CAMPAIGN MANAGER – PROSPER AUST

By – Election Campaign – city of Melbourne
Greens – primary – 36%
ALP – primary 33%
1999 – labor primary = 45%
2012 – labor primary = 36%
2012 labor primary = 33%
Trend since 2000 has been towards independent candidates
Aust world economic example –
2-3 speed economy - Patchwork economy
ABS – Indicators – Govt budget per head population
Corporations – taxpayer – Govt to legislate against

Liberal Government – by-election campaign – future outcomes

Grattan Institute Report -
GST – extension working years – women remain in workforce
40 Hour Week Vs 24/7 model proposed by Business Council
Productivity & expansion of the economy – working longer – less retirement

Female participation – workforce – childcare – productivity Vs GST Vs efficiency Vs Bar coded Armband Bands

Increased Austerity – families
Adds – high cost of living - Wages & conditions & Bill Shock
Reducing cost of living – basic wage – tax reform –
Productivity & expansion of the economy – working longer – less retirement – quality Life – ACTU position

Utilities costs reduced – strategies –
Green Energy – Carbon tax - $10 Bill – infra-structure
Solar Energy – developments

Future PPP – Privatisation – Banks – Future Fund – investments
Raised cost living
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Housing market indicators – trends – update
Housing shortage 228,000 = 341,000 home - glut properties
Drop in sales & values
Aust – Prime Mortgage Market – crisis – Houses not selling
House value – less than mortgage/Bank
Housing Glutt hits Melbourne – tough market conditions
Expectations – get worse
Outer suburbs – ghost Town – no property sales – 3-6 months
Western suburbs – 4000 homes unsold – 54% sales in 2011
Northern Suburbs – 3700 unsold –
Solution – prices can only fall

Hotels – 5 star cheaper - than renting – 20% increase pa
( The Olsen – South Yarra & Cullen – Prahran) young professionals

Families – lose – value & investment – houses prices drop
House prices over priced – Banks make profits – big house prices
Developers – release 75,000 new home sites into 126 existing
housing estates – flood – houses saturate market

Homelessness – 100,000 per night – Public Housing >
Data collection – R&D groups – inaccurate information – impact
public

Building industry – slump – residential – commercial & public sector
2012 – 363 housing companies collapsed (200 NSW & 95 Vic)
Getting worse
Lowest in 35 years

Mathew Guy – Liberal Minister – Planning Minister
Shifts urban boundary- benefits – wealth land owners – donated to
liberal party

Clive Palmer – Cash for Policies – ALP & Liberal - parties

Govt Privatising Education
2011 Cuts $481 mill
2012-Cuts $1 Bill TAFE 1.5 mill TAFE students impacted-
Privatisation = 1.5 mill (nationally) on HECS fees profits – banks
Govt – save $1 Bill to give to corporate $300 mill Education bonus
$200 mill school building works

TAFE –Privatisation- $300 mill withdrawn
Privatisation & PPP = less public assets = less profit for Govt
Privatisation of student HECS fees
Australia’s – citizens Vs consumers
Australia – shop – items for profit by corporations – user pay -
Democracy – the way to address the “common good”
Democracy – collective will of the people
Privatisation – profit driven – bottom lines
Corporates operate Government - cheaper than Government ?
Market forces dictate – monopolies –cheaper commodities?
Collusion in markets

PPP Partnerships – Govt $1.5Bill –Liberal contribution -18km
Tunnel Development – Liberal Abbott – East West Link Tunnel -
$5Bill Tunnel – 100,000 cars per day –PPP – Victorian Govt &
Private Corporations
Solution – traffic congestion – pollution – other options
Victorian Govt utilize –fund infra-structure projects – Govt Bonds
Govt AAA rating international borrowings – Govt fund projects
Desalination Project – Govt only project – cancel contract

Unions – 1700 workers –457 visa’s - EMA‘Roy Hill project – Pilbara
Gina Rheinhardt
190,000 foreign workers Vs skilled Australian workers vs cheap
imported labour via 24/7 pays and conditions = greater profits -
Corporations
Unions – ETU – protest strike – teachers – wages & conditions

IBAC- independent Broadbased anti- Commission
Liberal Govt policy – implementation - Replaces OPI
Corruption fighting agency
250,000 public servants, MP’s, Judges, police, local govt, & contractors
Ron Bonnington – Former Dep Sec federal defence a/Director defence signals
Concerns – Judicial head ignored, qualifications to investigate many claims – lowered benchmark qualifications – investigative powers watered down - modelled on NSW body – raises questions

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Political Donations – Political Parties
Liberal Party – National meeting
Qns – Lobbyists role in senior - executive positions – political parties

10:00am  BRYAN KAVANAGH – LAND RESOURCES RESEARCH GROUP

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Policies for economic growth Vs social costs
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Carbon Tax – Roll Out – July1, 2012 – ACCC control
Businesses – price increase- blaming carbon tax
Govt legislate – Corporations by law not pass tax prices - public

Coles & Woolies – suppliers – bullied – 2 weeks – cut prices – up to 10% - goods removed from shelves
Coles & Woolies – no evidence – lower their prices - public

Senate inquiry – Independent - Nick Zenophon
ACCC – Rod Simms – suppliers – dob in companies – abuse of powers

Aust superannuation fund $1.3 trillion – proposals – states embark
Privatisation spree (Aust 16/7/12 p21)

GEERS – General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme 2001 – Scheme – Federal Govt pays workers entitlements – companies go bust – soared 4-5 times
Govt $1 Bill payouts reclaimed $150 Bill
Companies – exploiting system – exhausting company reserves –
Govt taxpayer funded – pick up unpaid employees bills

ASIC – Aust Securities Investment Commission – Watchdog –
regulator – focus Company Directors- appoint liquidators –
companies abandoned by directors – exploit Govt GEERS funds
to pay employees
50 – 100 failed companies p.a

Phoenix Laws (Age 1/7/12 p1)– Gillard Govt –crack down phoenix
companies – collapse under debt – re-open trading in different
name – deceptive practices
Companies trading – technically insolvent –
Qns – APRA – ability to regulate – abusive & exploitive practices.
Public exposed to financial exploitation

Tax Reform – GST – Ken Henry recommendations
Tax MMRT SPT – Tax Land Resources – Tax Banks profits
Resource Nationalism – worry Miners – Ernst & Young Report
World trend – concerns – increase royalties & taxes

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Using positions – gain personal wealth – selling out -Victorian
taxpayer assets – putting personal interests ahead of National
interest – conflict of interest.
10:30  SAM WATSON – ADVOCATE – DEATHS IN CUSTODY
Discusses -
Deaths in Custody – 2012 Winter Action
25 Anniversary - Bob Hawk – 10 August Royal Commission
Aboriginal Deaths in Custody
2 Anniversary - Lex Wotton Gagging –release on bail conditions 19 July
27 Anniversary – suspicious death – Douglas Scott – 5 July
5 Anniversary – all white Jury acquitted Chris Hurley – 20 June
31 Anniversary – death Eddie Murray in Wee Waa – 12 June
Stop – privatisation of prisons – custodial services – Mr Ian Ward
Rally – 11 August 2012 – 11:00am GPO cnr Bourke & Elizabeth st
Greens – Native Title Bill – Amendments
Native Title Vs Land Rights & Treaty
Stronger Future Legislation – 10 year extension – broad application Australia wide
Deaths in Custody – 25 year anniversary
Imprisonment rates ATSI populations
Unity – ATSI communities Nationally

Impact stoush between ALP & Greens - Election policies
Focus – Industrial Relations – Your Rights @ Work Campaign
ABS – increase ATSI – population
Socio- economic standing ATSI Australia
Your Rights @ Work Campaign
ALP –class wars – Miners Tax Vs Public austerity - cost living
Battlers Budget – middle – lower benefit – stimulous package Class wars economically– Corporate welfare - Unions
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