

We The People  
Program 302 July 9, 2018  
We the People 302 Immigration Nonsense



**Good Day to you.** As you may know Labor and the Coalition are on a crusade of madness to dramatically increase the population of Australia. They say this is good for the country but on an economic, cultural and environmental basis this is complete nonsense. I have added my comments to the writings of Crispin Hul.

The Treasury-Home Affairs report on immigration seems to have based its evidence and reasoning upon its conclusion that high immigration is a “good thing”. On the report’s own figures, current high immigration will produce an extra 1.1 per cent of total GDP. Given that 190,000 immigrants a year is just a tad under 1 per cent, that does not make for very much increase in GDP per person and that is on Treasury’s optimistic and economics-only view. The economic gain per person is negligible and frankly not worth this risky experiment. The underlying economic equation, though, remains inescapable. If you increase population by 2 per cent a year, which is what is happening in Australia, you have to double your infrastructure effort, not just increase it by 2 per cent. This is because infrastructure including roads, stadiums, hospitals, bridges and the like on average last about 50 years. This means you have to replace 2 per cent of it every year, just to mark time. If you add 2 per cent population growth you have to add another 2 per cent, in effect doubling the infrastructure requirement, just to mark time. This is why people are screaming. There are few economies of scale here. When a school is full you have to build a whole new one and indeed, there are diseconomies of scale. If you use a road to capacity, it gets clogged and people waste time in traffic. Treasury concentrates on income and tax and **virtually ignores stresses on capital and it also ignores the environment.** It ignores the replacement of agricultural land with housing and whether we have enough water. **It ignores the social cost of forcing people into apartments.** It ignores the morality of reducing Australia’s capacity to export food as more will be consumed here.

The rising tide of resentment has little to do with race, religion, refugees or human rights. It is about raw numbers and the value of our culture. A lot of the increase in GDP from higher population comes from the higher price of goods and services that become scarcer, not from higher standards of living. **GDP is a warped measurement as it does not measure well-being.** If higher GDP is the best argument for continuing the massive immigration intake, it is a very poor one, even if you believed the economic modelling that produced it. The fact that immigration is virtually the only Abbott policy call that Malcolm Turnbull has not buckled to or the News Ltd press has not supported shows the strength of the **lobby groups that profit from it.** Australia would be a better place if Turnbull and Shorten agreed with Abbott on immigration. But no, the big Ponzi schemers among miners, developers, retailers and transport operators who benefit from more immigrants at the expense of the existing population have both sides of politics in their hands. Unemployment is stuck at 5.6 per cent. In other OECD countries with lower population growth the unemployment rate is falling as the world recovers from the Great Recession. However watch out because the stage is now set for another and much larger recession and maybe that's part of this super Ponzi scheme. Keep a nice pool of unemployed around to dampen labour demand and keep wages low. High immigration is not doing the vast majority of Australians any good and the rising tide of resentment is driven by common sense. It is about raw numbers. It is about house prices, congestion and health and education pressures and the ability of this dry continent to cope. Unless mainstream parties listen, this nation is destined for trouble and it's about time politicians started to listen to the people or we will vote in someone to drain our own putrid swamp.....you bet we will because Australian politics is now a basket case of deceivers, cheats and duplicity.

**Until next time this is Kent Bayley**