



## Critical Policy - 1 CULTURAL BONDING - National Security

### SOURCE OF FUNDING

– ODF TRAINING PROGRAM –

#### Option One – Government Business Enterprises

It will be important that a Federal Party government engages in a Government Business Enterprise (GBE) sufficiently strong to produce the revenue (i.e. profits) required to fund the \$2.193bl per annum cost of the ODF Training Program.

This GBE may involve full ownership of interests within Australia's primary, secondary, or tertiary industries or be involved on a joint venture basis. An analysis of our direction will be made much closer to the need for funding, and our findings will be published for scrutiny by the Australian electorate. But a GBE is only one option.

#### ALSO

#### Taxing Multinational Corporations

It is estimated that \$24billion of predominantly untaxed profits, each year, is being siphoned out of Australia by multinational companies. And for years, these companies have been engaging in tax avoidance schemes involving - in the main - intercompany loans (often fabricated) which our government has failed to discipline. Instead, the ATO has constantly focused its tax-collecting efforts on Australian workers in order to ease the growing burden of national expenditure and debt that continues to plague our nation. The current proposed increase in the GST is yet further proof that the load is not being shared. Once again, it will be borne by ordinary tax-paying Australians.

A Federal Party of Australia government would ensure that the financial burden being carried by the Australian public would be shifted to include multinationals, but without causing upset by stripping them of all the incentives needed to conduct business in Australia. We do not want them packing up and leaving our shores. Companies like Shell, Microsoft, Apple, Glencore, NewsCorp, James Hardie, Google, to name just a few, create vast employment and thereby contribute billions of dollars each year to the Australian economy. And then there are the taxes, paid by their employees, which go directly into government coffers for the benefit of all Australians. We need to be careful.

#### Option Two – Direct funding of our Cultural Bonding program

As an alternative, or in addition to a GBE, it is proposed that a minimum levy of 10% of all predominantly untaxed multinational profits (currently standing at \$24billion) be imposed prior to these profits leaving Australia. This would generate far more than the \$2.193bl needed to adequately fund our Cultural Bonding program. And such a levy would be a drop in the bucket for multinationals, but would make an enormous difference to the strengthening of our National Security.

In time, an increase in this levy would be imposed, but without killing the golden goose that keeps so many Australians employed.

*“There is great merit in allowing multinational corporations to consider Australia a quasi tax haven; in that, employment can be generated for thousands upon thousands of Australians by encouraging multinationals to expand our primary, secondary, and service industries. But there is a point at which tax relief for these major corporate players should reach a critical balance where both country and company are mutually advantaged. And a Federal Party of Australia government would strike that balance.”*

**Garth Eaton** - Federal President