

INQUIRY INTO ISSUES RELATING TO REDFERN/WATERLOO

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Dear Madame,

Ref Standing Committee on Social Issues submission.

No one can punch a person on the nose over a phone, nor other technology. And in face to face discussion^{as} human beings, we all have the skill to evade, lie, & otherwise cheat. But that is a part of nature! In the case of "The Block" at Redfern & in the case of the poor & underprivileged people of Redfern generally, their greatest disadvantage is that they cannot cope with the bullies in society generally and especially the very expert bullies in the NSW Government & its monsterously ~~burear~~ big public service. Take the "Block" as an example. Koori's & their exective officers cannot resist the temptation to shout back when they meet opposing or assumed opposition. The poor of Redfern also react the same way. When Gough Whitlam gave Everley St. properties to the Aboriginal Housing Co, he or his subordinates or, maybe the following Coalition government attached legal strings to the gift (on the land deeds - see attached typical copies). Since then both mainstream & Koori solicitors (& ATSIC) have been unwilling or unable to untangle the legal mess. With clear title, the Koori Housing Co could, if not with their own money or borrowed money, have at least built some or all the housing needed & been in a much better position to limit the poor activities of itinerant visiting Koori's & drug dealers (who are just as likely to be Koori's too + others?)

The NSW Government could very easily perform miracles, if it only had the will to ~~dump~~ their

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assumption that "might is right", that outshouting opponents is fair play, that the word "partnership" is good & right. There is only one form of partnership that is valid & that is the partnership (legal or not) of women & men to reproduce children! Business partnerships, if only of 2 partners seldom succeed. Why? because in a 2, or even number of partners, a quick simple decision is seldom made & often cannot be made, resulting in fights &/or legal action. It is a confidence trick (bullying) for the N.S.W. Government to be forever promoting, so called "partnerships", like the Premiers Redfern-Waterloo Partnership project. As an example, that project wanted a supporting consultative Council & called democratically for nominations. But then the idea of partnership and democracy went out the window! The Council was appointed by some mysterious "God", probably a bully in the premiers Dept or maybe chief bully Bob Carr himself!!

Avoiding the type of bullying that I am referring to, by Koori, non Koori's & State Cabinet members, is not easy!! Parliamentary & L.Government debate, when there is a written motion (or recommendation) before the meeting (& when the meeting is not illegally delayed until after midnight & signed by the Governor, pulled out of bed before breakfast), is the best we can do. Proposed ~~A~~ amendments should also be in written form. But none of this will work unless the born & unrelenting bullies in NSW State parliament change their ways or get thrown out. We don't have time to wait for the next election. Redfern, Waterloo & Everly St cannot wait that long! Jack Lang, bless his soul, nearly caused a civil war in NSW. A referendum in NSW would be much better. Or an ~~a~~ early election! Or repentance by the Carr government.

Yours faithfully  Justice of
the peace. Jon B. Phillips