

The statement that there is an issue with impartiality and commercial influence is dramatically underselling the toxicity of the Australian media environment. Not only has it suffered repeated partisan attacks from the LNP. Despite being of the main bodies to keep public informed and aware of the failure of the government of the day, successive LNP leaders have done all they could to reduce the investigative power and integrity. Combined with the fawning media that operates under the Murdoch banner, it has for the last three decades served as a tool of disinformation to rival anything set up by a despotic regime. Even the Soviet Union could not have pulled off this level of disinformation successfully.

First we must admit that there is an issue in the Australian media, reporting sphere. It has been under progressive attack since the time of John Howard, Peter Costello. We have seen that reporting of the Governments failure take two clear standards. When it comes to the Labor party, whether in power or not has been eternally painted as the enemy of what Australia is. What it represents and the development, advancement of Australia.

We had the constant attacks on the National Broadband Network, the carbon price and the Rudd/Swann economic stimulus package. We had the false attribution of a workplace death to a Federal government policy. Yet, no word seemed to be printed or spoken to disprove that. Discuss the reality that the death is in fact, on the business operator. The attacks on the pink batt scheme is only another proof of that. Anything introduced, suggested or brought forward by the Labor party comes under attack.

Australia has fallen dramatically in the world's average broadband speed. Yet, where's the outcry, where's the demand that things should be better?

When Ms Gillard, our first female Prime Minister was facing constant attacks for her policies, where were the cries for decorum, the integrity of the office? When she lost her father, was she given time to grieve? Or did she face constant attacks? Did she face an Opposition leader that would give no ground and demand she rule as he would have?

More importantly, was she not constantly misquoted on her own words, given record in Hansard records of asking for a fine to be placed on the emissions of carbon and other polluting agents?

In the last election, despite any attempt at positive messaging, setting out a clear and concise policy base for Australia's future, the party which offered nothing somehow won. A man who cared for and worked for Australia's interest who deserved the office was denied as the media spun a tale of nothing other than lies.

The greatest truth the media doesn't speak and the Australian public deserves to know is the one they would never admit to needs to be out there. That each and every LNP government I've seen in

my life has failed this country. Has not just failed this country but worsened it. Every single Labor government in recent memory has out performed their respective LNP counterparts. Both in economic management and all quality of life indicators.

Any claim that can be made to give the Labor party concrete feet in the polls, in the eyes of the electorate has been given tacit permission. Anything to tarnish the reputation of the Labor party, has been given greenlight. It has been spread freely, spread openly and uncontested.

The LNP has been allowed to spread the lie that they are the better managers of Australia. A lie that has been constantly reinforced since the end of the Howard and Costello period. Two, who despite a mining boom, despite the sale of national assets, bullion and infrastructure couldn't leave more than a few billion in the national interest. Barely over two billion.

Australia's history progressive history is being tainted and buried under a history of repression, of a return to the White Australia policy. A return to the rule by the minority, defined by their white perceived white ancestry, white values and white religion. A claim to religious morality is a call to a false morality. These people care only for the gaining and maintaining of power.

Australia, then colonies of South Australia and later Western Australia were among the first to give women the right to vote. A right they lost in Federation. A right they gained back and still have claim to be some of the earliest in the world. Eureka Stockade was fought on the principle that the government could overreach, was not a right to tax without representation. Most importantly was at the service of the people and was chosen by the people.

To borrow a phrase, to heal and advance, we must first admit there is a problem. Not only is there is a problem, it has been permitted to fester, to grown gangrenous. The Australia I want to see and the Australia I want to see my children take up. It's green, it's advanced, it welcome people to its shore and it cares for them. It gives people opportunities. To advance their education, to try their hand at business. To find the person they love and to make the family they wish to have.

Not to be told that because they are gay, they don't count. Or because they're born in the wrong body, they don't deserve the basic respect. Don't deserve to be looked after, don't deserve medical attention. To be born different than a strictly defined norm, who might just think a little differently than everyone else.

If we don't, then that's what the media and Australia will come to permit. Come to accept as the norm. Where the act of speaking for a minority group is something that must and should be held against someone. That a person's identity is worth more than their basic dignity.

That is the Australia we have to fight against each and every day. Every word we speak has to be, must be, in defence of this Australia and that fight starts with the media.

They must be allowed to investigate, to seek out the whistle blowers and print their stories. They must be held to a standard where their words and their actions are judged on the truth of their stories. Of showing the public what the government is doing and plans to do with clarity. Even occasionally to applaud the government when it deserves it and more importantly showing each and every single failure, false promise and criminal failing.

Criminal failings that now are the hallmark of the Federal LNP. A story that needs to be told, yet isn't.