

# STOP POPULATION GROWTH NOW

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## From the Convenor (Bob Couch)

### John Coulter to address meeting

Next Wednesday, 16th February at 8pm one of our committee members, Dr John Coulter, will be addressing the Longwood Agricultural Bureau on the subject of food security. John's talk will deal with the close links between population growth and food insecurity in both a global and an Australian context. The meeting is at the Longwood CFS on Longwood Road Bradbury (G4 Map 169 UBD Directory). All are welcome.

### New banner (logo)

You will note the colours in our banner (logo) have changed. This has been done by your committee in response to 3 separate instances of feedback from readers who said that the old black and red colours reminded them of Nazism/fascism, philosophies SPGN are diametrically opposed to .

Personally, the red and black reminded me of nothing more sinister than the Essendon or West Adelaide Football Clubs, but, as there was a risk others thought the same way as the 3 persons mentioned above, we changed the colours.

### More high rise

Rann and his cronies are at it again. Now they want to impose high density development in Unley (see Advertiser 11-2-2011). It has been said before, but bears repeating, neither Labour nor Liberal will stop this. The only answer is to stop voting for them. That is why it is so important for us to provide an alternative.

### Stable Population Party

Subsequent to my last Newsletter advice about this party, we are still awaiting a formal response to our request for further information. A member of their committee (Kris Spike) is visiting Adelaide on 20<sup>th</sup> February. I have accepted his invitation to meet him, and discuss possibilities.

### Membership (Associate) now free

As indicated in the last Newsletter, our number 1 priority must be to attract the 500 members needed for federal registration of our party. In order to make it a little easier to recruit, your committee has decided to make Membership (Associate) free.

### Auditor

With the help of a sailing friend , who is also a chartered accountant, we have installed the MYOB Accounting System in order to manage membership records, and to produce financial reports (As use of the MYOB software was donated, and my sailing friend provided her services free, no costs were incurred by SPGN for this).

We now need an auditor. Do we have any members (or others) who are prepared to volunteer for this? I estimate from my experience that this would only take 2 or 3 hours once per year. The ability of MYOB to produce extracts of the accounts helps makes the job very quick and easy. Call or email me if you can assist.

### Recruitment of members

We must recruit more members. We are a long way from the 500 we need for federal registration.

We have produced a flyer (see below) that we wish to letterbox (or otherwise distribute). **Would you be able to help us?**

If so email me ([convenor@stoppopulationgrowthnow.com](mailto:convenor@stoppopulationgrowthnow.com)) or phone on 0488071799 and we will get flyers and instructions to you.

Your assistance in this matter would be very much appreciated.

Additionally, your committee would welcome any ideas you have that may help with recruitment.

Bob

## GOVERNMENT TREATS US WITH CONTEMPT

Are you fed up with Governments that are cramming more and more people into Australia and South Australia, against the wishes of the great majority of Australians?

For example, despite **520** objections and almost no public support, the Rann Government is ramming through major housing developments around Mount Barker. In the process they are destroying some of the best farmland in the state, and destroying the semi rural lifestyle of the present residents. Residents at Cheltenham, Woodville (St Clair), Gilberton, Prospect, Gawler, Seaford, Unley, and elsewhere, are being treated with the same **absolute contempt**.

The sole cause of this problem is high population growth. If population growth ceased, the housing crisis would evaporate and developers would be left with redeveloping existing areas. The property industry makes very large donations to the major political parties. Do you believe they do this for love?

Some representatives of business and government continue to peddle the lie that we must grow in order to prosper. Denmark and Sweden are examples of countries that have negligible population growth, yet they enjoy high standards of living. There is no good evidence that population growth benefits the existing population.

Population growth can be controlled by appropriate Government policy. For example, by insisting that requirements for skilled labour be satisfied by training young (and older) Australians, rather than importing cheap labour from overseas, and by eliminating rorts in the education sector whereby students come to study in Australia mainly to obtain permanent residency.

None of the major parties (Liberal, Labour, or the Greens) support stopping population growth. They will not change their positions unless we stop voting for them.

A group of Australians has formed a political party to give you an alternative. The Stop Population Growth Now Party believes a "Big Australia" will put our children's future at risk – not enough water, no backyards, and food insecurity leading to increased grocery prices. Full details are on our website ([www.stoppopulationgrowthnow.com](http://www.stoppopulationgrowthnow.com)), or phone or write for an information pack .

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### **How YOU can support us**

**We need 500 members to register as a political party under the Commonwealth Electoral Act. Please become a member now (an application form can be printed from the website or obtained by writing or phoning). You will not be asked to attend meetings or be otherwise involved , although we would welcome your involvement if you chose to do so. Note that Membership (Associate) is FREE.**

**Please act now to ensure our children and grandchildren can enjoy the sort of future that we would want for them.**

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