

Civil liberties groups combine to fight legislative excesses

Civil liberties groups, normally vibrantly independent, are so alarmed about proposed changes to security and intelligence laws that they are combining to mount a national campaign against the worst excesses of the proposed legislation.

The government is rushing the bill through parliament's committee processes, hoping to have it come on early in August. It is named the National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No 1) 2014. – the obvious threat in the name is that this is just the first of a swag of repressive legislation.

Full details of the proposed changes are on the website of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security: <http://tinyurl.com/nhw3pcq>

The new laws implement suggestions in the 2013 [Report of the Inquiry into Potential Reforms of Australia's National Security Legislation](#)

That report was roundly pilloried by civil liberties and human rights groups and civil society in general when floated by then Attorney-General Nicola Roxon. It comprises a grab bag of wishes by the security and intelligence agencies for even more powers, which of course means that Australians give up privacy in unpalatable chunks. The demands by the PISA cartel (Police, Intelligence and Security Agencies) were so over-the-top that Roxon and the Labor government abandoned the push when the reaction was so negative.



(Photo: Then AG Roxon, at right, with then-PM Julia Gillard)

Now the Abbott coalition government, under AG George Brandis, is exploiting a new fear, stemming from its own claims that Australian-born or Australian-resident jihadists – or freedom fighters, depending on your viewpoint – returning from Syria and other trouble spots might harm the nation. This fear is being used to ram through an unconscionable expansion of spookery, creating the start of a new Brandistasi regime in Australia.

There is no doubt the Abbottery is starting to show its true colours: there are the Brandis-led proposals to savage privacy and the rule of law in favour of creating what looks increasingly like a police-state; then there's the Immigration Minister Scott Morrison's willingness to engage in piracy at sea to hijack potential refugee claimants before they enter Australian waters, when they haven't declared they are in a state of distress; and now there's the propensity for Eric Abetz, the Minister for Paperwork, to strip human dignity from Australians who can't get a job, creating the new "industry" of employment applications, two a day, on sheets of paper possibly milled from the Tasmanian wilderness.

Why does opposing these legislative excesses matter? Because successive Liberal, Labor and Liberal governments since 2001 have been re-creating the nation in the image of politicians, that is, as a fear-

based society too afraid to stand on principles. Instead, they should be creating the nation in the image of its citizens, who are tenfold braver and stronger, morally and ethically, than the political class as a whole. At some stage, this downslide has to reverse: we the people must demand MPs develop backbones, and stand up to the forces dedicated to creating a police-like state.

CLA has proposed a solution: we want a bipartisan approach to utilising the accumulated knowledge of the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor, after three years of barrister Bret Walker in the role, to write a cohesive PISA Code. It would consolidate more than 70 new laws enacted in the Police, Security and Intelligence Agency (PISA) space since September 2001 when the NY Twin Towers were destroyed...nearly a decade and a half ago.

Some ways the new laws create a true surveillance state, the Brandistasi

The new laws would allow ASIO to ride roughshod over traditional warrant safeguards. They would also give ASIO 'carte blanche' – even bigger licences – to run covert operations, including planting agents inside the public service and companies, and allow wholesale sharing of "intelligence" across the PISA functionaries (Police, Intelligence and Security Agencies).

Restrictions on targeting computers go out the window: the spooks can plant devices on the target computer...and on computers that link to the target, allowing for virtually unrestricted spying on Australians. With computers, there is far less than the six degrees of separation that apply to people's relationships: the online world is extremely networked.

Restrictions on accessing homes and buildings will also be a thing of the past: the surveillance state is reaching into homes, possibly including yours even if you don't know you know a 'person of interest' to the towering PISA agencies.

(Oh, and the new Act even legalises the stealing of the electric power involved when the spooks hook up to your home power!)

And if they don't physically enter, the PISAs can target you by extended powers over optical surveillance devices, like cameras and videos, again without the need to trouble about a warrant. And they can open your parcels before delivery, all on suspicion only.

ASIO employees and "ASIO affiliates" would be protected from criminal and civil liability for their excesses in covert intelligence operations.

"At present, some significant covert operations either do not commence or are ceased due to the risk that participants could be exposed to criminal or civil liability," the explanatory memorandum to the bill says. No longer, if the bill passes: ASIO can do what it likes, regardless of the laws of Australia.

ASIO could also align itself with the private sector in future, essentially picking "winners", undoubtedly from corporate friends of the government. Imagine the leg up your company receives if is ASIO-sponsored and supported in a business environment where information is power.

ASIS, Australia's shadowy international spook agency, gets permission to train ASIO and "certain individuals" also to carry and use weapons, a massive expansion of ASIO's functions and roles. And the spooks get new exemptions for accountability for their use of weapons.

In another strange move, "Defence" is removed from the names of the geospatial intelligence organisation and the signals directorate.

But possibly worst of all is a total crackdown on whistleblowers and the activities of journalists seeking to reveal the truth of what is going on behind closed doors and in secret cells in the name of all of us, but out of sight of anyone who isn't a member of the PISA elite.

Keane exposes core of the problems

Even the mainstream media have been somewhat alarmed by the Brandistasi proposals.



But Bernard Keane (left), online journal Crikey's politics editor, summed up the situation best in 'Brandis' changing tune on national security reforms' <http://tinyurl.com/lzduxyn> and 'Brandis' national security bill a concern for whistleblowers, journalists' <http://tinyurl.com/lywywyz>

"Brandis hasn't even bothered responding to the JCIS report, in effect treating the report to which he significantly contributed as a shadow minister with contempt. Instead, he's sat on his hands until outgoing INSLM* [Bret Walker flagged serious concerns](#) about the ability of intelligence and security agencies to deal with the potential threat of Australian participants in the conflict in Syria and Iraq. The result is another round of national security reform being conducted amid headlines about 'Aussie jihadis'," Keane reported.

"Moreover, it is occurring at a point when the government's aversion to scrutiny of any kind is becoming deeply concerning – in effect, it has indeed 'disappeared' Sri Lankan asylum seekers, rendering them back to Sri Lankan authorities with a cursory and entirely secret 'process' of assessment. This is also a government that had nothing to say about its own citizens being killed by drone strikes, had nothing to say about revelations its intelligence agency bugged the East Timorese cabinet and instead raided and gagged the whistleblower who revealed it.

"In effect the government is asking for trust on giving itself greater national security powers. Its behaviour so far has done nothing to earn that trust," Keane wrote.

* INSLM: Independent National Security Legislation Monitor, a role filled by barrister Bret Walker for the past three years.

See also: Martin Hirst on NewMatilda: <https://newmatilda.com/2014/07/29/no-place-hide-snowden-greenwald-and-our-national-security-media>

Opposition goes to water

Shadow (and former) Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus has said publicly that Labor won't oppose the wild excesses of the proposed legislation – after all, the former Labor AG Roxon originally floated them at the behest of the PISAs.

Labor "may" oppose some of the extra ASIO powers, and the whistleblower provisions. But don't hold your breath.

At a time when the major western democracies of the USA and the UK are reining in surveillance and spook powers, Australia is planning a massive expansion. And we already had the most draconian PISA regime in the world, according to most international analysts, including international intelligence and security agency heads.

Civil Liberties Australia asks where are the independent thinkers in the Coalition and Labor parties who are prepared to stand up for the liberties and rights of citizens, which is actually part of their primary job description as MPs?

How about some cross-party and Independents' support for sensible PISA laws, not increasing domination of the Australian people – and the Parliament – by the nation's elite secret forces, who can't even be named...which is yet another aspect of the law being expanded in the latest tranche.

But wait, there's more...a little more time, just

On Tuesday 29 July, four working days before the deadline for submissions, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security announced the deadline had been extended by two days.

Wow! How lucky are we to have such munificent MPs! "The closing date was extended by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security in order to give

They pry, you pay

The latest proposal floated by the AG and the government is that ISPs will have to retain two years' worth of your data, so that PISA spooks can pry into your life at any time they choose.

...and you'll probably have to pay ISPs about \$100 a years extra for the spooks to be able to spy on you. When will this idiocy end - our paying to be spied on?

interested parties more time to make a contribution to the inquiry. Public hearings on the Bill will be held during August. The Committee intends to report by 8 September 2014 in order that the House may consider the Bill in the Spring sittings."

So, no matter what anyone says, the government will pass the Bill within about a month of the hearings. So much for public consultation.

Is the government gagging reporting of a corruption case?

WikiLeaks claims a sweeping gagging order has been issued to block any reporting in Australia of bribery allegations involving international political leaders in the region, according to a report in *The Guardian*.

The alleged order supposedly relates to a corruption case involving subsidiaries of the Reserve Bank of Australia over allegedly paying bribes to secure business in and around the printing of bank notes, the news journal's report indicates.

The Guardian says the alleged "superinjunction" was issued by the criminal division of the supreme court of Victoria on 19 June 2014 "to prevent damage to Australia's international relations that may be caused by the publication of material that may damage the reputations of specified individuals who are not the subject of charges in these proceedings".

In a statement published with the leak, Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, said the gagging order relates to a case that "concerns the subsidiaries of the Australian central bank".

He said it was the first blanket suppression order of this nature in Australia since 1995. "With this order, the worst in living memory, the Australian government is not just gagging the Australian press, it is blindfolding the Australian public," said Assange, himself Australian.

"This is not simply a question of the Australian government failing to give this international corruption case the public scrutiny it is due. Foreign minister Julie Bishop must explain why she is threatening every Australian with imprisonment in

an attempt to cover up an embarrassing corruption scandal involving the Australian government.

"The concept of 'national security' is not meant to serve as a blanket phrase to cover up serious corruption allegations involving government officials, in Australia or elsewhere. It is in the public interest for the press to be able to report on this case," Assange is quoted as saying. <http://tinyurl.com/od26nu8>

Rebel MPs stand up to AG Brandis's bullying

Coalition MPs are secretly defying Attorney-General George Brandis by drafting an alternative proposal for changes to race hate laws.

So claimed Fairfax national political reporter Jonathan Swan last month <http://tinyurl.com/mlqge7m>

"NSW backbencher David Coleman, who has a law degree, is understood to be drafting the alternative proposal. Supporting him is a rebel group of backbenchers intent on overturning the controversial law changes proposed by Mr Abbott and Senator Brandis.

"The draft policy – as it currently stands – weakens protections against racial vilification and would allow virtually any racist speech if it is in the course of a 'public discussion'."

Swan reported that Mr Coleman's view was supported by Coalition backbenchers including NSW MPs John Alexander, Nickolas Varvaris and Craig Kelly, Victorian MPs Sarah Henderson and Sharman Stone, and Queensland MP Teresa Gambaro.

Civil Liberties Australia believes that there is much wider support for the Coleman initiative than even Fairfax's Swan claims.

From briefings with Coalition MPs at Parliament House, CLA is aware there is significant support in the party room for winding back Brandis' rhetorical flourishes which have embarrassed his colleagues by appearing to involve the rule of bullying, rather than the rule of law.

Requests for submissions: you work while we holiday, say MPs

While MPs and the Australian Parliament go off for their long winter break, they leave behind work for unpaid and volunteer mortals like members of Civil Liberties Australia and similar bodies.

For example, we have been specially invited to make submissions on:

- The National Security Legislation Amendment Bill (No 1) 2014 (see comment above);
- Inquiry into the ability of Australian law enforcement authorities to eliminate gun-related violence in the community...submission requested by 15 August 2014;
- Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [Provisions]...by 4 August; and
- Inquiry into the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Psychoactive Substances and Other Measures) Bill 2014.

This last request was received on 28 July, with a submission required by 4 August. In other words, the holidaying MPs – who formally sit just 72 scheduled days in Parliament House this year – give civil society volunteers less than seven (7) days to comment in detail on draft legislation which covers:

- importing psychoactive drugs;
- firearms tracking offences;
- international prisoner transfers, both ways;

- slavery offences: jurisdiction issues;
- validating airport investigations; and
- "minor" amendments: to the
 - * Criminal Code Act 1995
 - * Customs Act 1901
 - * Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988
 - * Surveillance Devices Act 2004

Perhaps the erstwhile parliament is not really interested in community views when it allows just six clear days for comment on five separate issues and further amendments to four major Acts. We could be wrong: maybe the Australian Parliament is just (a) lazy, (b) disorganized, (c) incompetent: pick any two (we exclude hard-working committees, mostly Senate-based).

PS: Many MPs use their mid-year holiday, and your taxes if on "official" business, to travel overseas where it is warmer than in the southern half of Australia in winter, and major international sporting events are in progress. Parliament next sits on 26 August.

Very ODD SPOT:

PIDDLE Minister stops leaky boats, promotes sun tours

By a Special Correspondent

Minister for Piracy, Inhumanity, Deportation, Denial and Linguistic Evasion (PIDDLE), Scott Morrison, says his No 1 priority is to stop leaky boats...and also to promote tourism to the sun.

But he is interested in stopping only non-orange boats. "Boats of any other colour than orange are not welcome in Australia," he said. "We have a strong connection with the Dutch in northern Australia, and we have adopted their national colouring in memory of the Duyfken, the little boat that could...in the Gulf of Carpentaria."



The Minister for PIDDLE (left), whose other hat is Enforced Tourism, said he and Australia were in the business of promoting orange boating. "Our small Orange Roughy craft are the best in the business. They are built to go north only, to follow-the-sun to surfing, safety and and security in Indonesia and points northerly.

"Or, we can provide cruise ships, painted a graceful gray mostly, if people want to visit Pacific islands, like Nauru or Manus. Our fleet is called the Australian Navy and Customs Line, ANCL, and we have a wide range of vessels to choose from, and thousands of crew just waiting to serve. They're about to get new uniforms.

"People sometimes think all their Christmases have come at once when they reach the departure point for our northern sailings." **ENDS Odd Spot**

Hicks, jailed but never legally guilty: when will he receive compensation?

Guantanamo Bay detainee David Hicks will have his name cleared completely after a "significant decision" in the US Appeals court last month overturned a similar conviction.

Hicks appealed last year over his conviction for the "invented" crime of providing material support for terrorism: a US Military Commission of Review put his case on until the decision in the case of another detainee, Ali Hamza al-Bahlul, alleged to have been Osama Bin Laden's personal assistant.

Bahlul has had two of his three convictions set aside by the US Court of Appeals and one of them was the same charge as that of Hicks – providing material support for terrorism. The appeal court last month ruled it was not a war crime at the time Bahlul was alleged to have committed the conduct.

Hicks' lawyer, Stephen Kenny from Camatta Lempens in Adelaide, said the overturning of his conviction should now be a purely administrative matter, according to a *Fairfax* online report.

Hicks was captured in Afghanistan in late 2001 and 'sold' to the US by a local warlord, before being taken to Guantanamo Bay in the first batch of prisoners locked up there. He was held for five-and-a-half years before being convinced to give an Alford Plea – not recognised in Australia – which meant that he did not make any admissions. The plea deal was that he would be convicted in the US of providing material support for terrorism but he would be allowed to return to Australia and serve a seven-month prison sentence, which he did in Yatala prison <http://tinyurl.com/k6caf47>

Civil Liberties Australia has said for years that the Howard government's treatment of Hicks was illegal, and that the Australian government has a responsibility to compensate him over his mistreatment.

Latest TPP meeting ends without progress

Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiators met again in Ottawa last month without finalising an agreement – or even a date for the next meeting – due to differences over contentious issues such as intellectual property.

There's increasing doubt whether TPP negotiations can conclude before mid-term elections in the USA in November 2014.

The Japan Times reported that time was running out in the US political calendar, with no guarantee TPP would emerge as a major issue late this year or in 2015.

With campaigns for the 2016 presidential election beginning in 2015, TPP may die a withering death, rather than being cleanly killed off. <http://tinyurl.com/k9ousha>

Civil Liberties Australia believes the TPP agreement is more about corporate hegemony over ordinary citizens, rather than "free" trade.

It would significantly advantage some (notably the pharmaceutical, electronics and rural industries) over ordinary Australians, who are the people paying more for the "free" sectoral elements.

The proposed TPP includes the Investor State Dispute Settlement system, which takes away a nation's sovereignty and hands it to international arbitration tribunals settling commercial disputes, such as when cigarette companies attack Australia legally by claiming our plain packaging laws hurt their marketing...for which they should be compensated.

CLA members seek meet with MP on TPP

Pauline Westwood and Jane Timbrell, part of a core CLA group campaigning to defeat bad trade deals, have asked for an urgent meeting with Labor MHR Andrew Leigh to discuss concerns about the pending Korean Australian Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA).

Westwood and Timbrell, who are both also members of AFTINET (another group opposing bad trade deals), say they are particularly concerned about the inclusion of an Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) clause in the KAFTA.

"ISDS is heavily promoted by the US in particular and is the most repugnant clause in any euphemistically named 'Free Trade' agreement," they told Leigh.

"As you are aware, it allows non-signatory foreign companies to sue Australian governments over domestic legislation, regulations or policy which may affect their profits.

"No sensible government should surrender its public policy responsibilities to a foreign corporation. To do so is a breach of trust with the electorate."

Challenger runs out of puff at first step

Australia has won the first step of the plain packaging challenge in an international investment tribunal.

The Permanent Court of Arbitration has ordered that Australia be allowed to challenge Philip Morris Asia's right to contest the nation's plain packaging laws, on the grounds that the company only bought shares in its Australian arm so that it could launch the case.

If Australia wins, it could see the legal challenge wrap up far earlier than expected, at far less cost, the *SMH* reported.

It would be a blow to corporations that engage in "treaty shopping", or buying shares in countries to use trade treaties to their advantage. <http://tinyurl.com/lvzwqpp>

CLA V-P to undertake leader's program to EU

CLA vice-president Tim Vines (pictured) has been chosen for a prestigious leader's program to the EU.

He will visit Europe next year under the European Union Visitors Program and meet with EU staff, Members of the European Parliament and officials of the EU Commission.

The EUVP takes young leaders, potential leaders and multipliers from non-EU member states to obtain first-hand impressions of EU policies, institutions and achievements and to increase mutual understanding between professionals from non-EU countries and their EU counterparts.

An EUVP visit consists of an individual five-to-eight day program of meetings with officials at the EU institutions in Brussels, Strasbourg and/or Luxembourg. Costs are covered by the EUVP.

Tim is lawyer, qualified with honours at ANU, who works for a federal agency per-eminent in the health sphere. He is vice-president of Civil Liberties Australia and also national media spokesperson. It is believed these community service roles helped to secure him selection for the visit, which he hopes to use to discuss themes of access to health (including genetic rights) and individual rights and liberties.



Reps' committee calls for better privacy laws

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs says that Australia's existing privacy laws do not protect Australians' privacy from drones.

The committee's new report *Eyes in the sky: Inquiry into drones and the regulation of air safety and privacy* calls on the Australian government to modernise and simplify Australia's privacy laws to protect against potentially invasive new technologies like drones.

The committee calls for frequent review of regulations to keep pace with the rapid development of drone technology.

The report makes six recommendations, calling for:

- the Australian government to consider legislating for a tort of privacy

- modernised, nationally-uniform laws for surveillance devices, including drones
- Reviewing the laws regulating police use of surveillance drones
- an education campaign to inform drone users about privacy and air safety laws
- improved consultation regarding the effectiveness of air safety laws, and
- future reviews of privacy and air safety laws to keep up with developments in technology.

Committee chair George Christensen (Nationals, Dawson Qld – pictured with CLA President Dr Kritsine Klugman during a private meeting in 2014) said that the inquiry had revealed gaps in Australia's privacy laws leaving Australians at risk. "Drones are coming – the technology is here and it is only a matter of time before they become widespread," Mr Christensen said. "Drones will revolutionise some industries, with a wide range of beneficial uses. All the same, we must set out clear rules that govern how the police, governments, businesses and members of the public use drones."



The Committee's report is available here: <http://tinyurl.com/olk5wkg>

CLA leads campaign against mandatory jailing

Civil Liberties Australia is leading a kickback against mandatory jailing proposals.

In Tasmania, harsh mandatory jail terms for 'illegal protests' are set to be debated this month (August) by the State's Upper House.

A petition to parliament written by Tasmanian Director of CLA, Richard Griggs, is steadily gaining signatures. The petition highlights the dangers in the bill and calls on Parliament to vote against it.

Tasmanian residents can sign the petition here: <http://tinyurl.com/odmhyhc> ."

AG seeks advice on suspended sentences

Attorney-General Dr Vanessa Goodwin has asked Tasmania's Sentencing Advisory Council whether punishments such as home detention and restorative justice could replace suspended sentences.

The move follows a meeting with Civil Liberties Australia last month, where we explained to the AG Goodwin the basis for our view that suspended sentences are proven and cost effective sentencing options that can and do deter reoffending.

Dr Goodwin wants to abolish suspended sentences, saying they are "widely perceived as a slap on the wrist by the community". "I have referred the matter to the Sentencing Advisory Council, asking them to thoroughly explore options for reform in this area." she said last month. <http://tinyurl.com/luvdtzs>

Griggs pushes for sensible protest laws

Anti-protest laws tabled in the Tasmanian Parliament by the new Liberal government have proved to be worse than anticipated.

Protests in public places attract a \$2000 on the spot fines (\$5000 if the protester elects to take it to court) and a mandatory three months for a second offence.

Tasmanian Director Richard Griggs role on the issue involves speaking publicly and at a rally, and starting an e-petition to the Upper House on the Parliament House website, a suggestion of a former MP, Peg Putt, who was a board member of the previous Tasmanian Council of Civil Liberties).

The issue has created new links between CLA and the unions, the Tasmanian Law Society and environmental groups, all of whom are highly critical of the proposed laws, Griggs said.

Convicted woman more aware than police?

Police late last month intercepted \$20m worth of drugs destined for the streets of Tasmania, emanating from southern Queensland.

Yet another drug bust in Tasmania further vindicates the claim by Susan Neill-Fraser that drug smugglers may have been behind the disappearance of her husband, Bob Chappell, from their yacht moored in Sandy Bay.

The possible druggy connection was dismissed by Tasmanian Police and the Department of Public Prosecutions as fantasy when she raised it in early 2009.

Seems like she was closer to the mark than the police were, if subsequent drug busts are any guide.

If police had believed her then, and properly investigated, it is likely she would not be serving 23 years in Risdon Prison for supposedly murdering her husband with a weapon invented by the DPP and endorsed by the judge in the trial, despite no weapon – or body – ever being found. <http://tiny.cc/he8rjx>

Yacht No Body doco to air again on Foxtel Ci

Eve Ash's investigative doco, *Shadow of Doubt*, which last year triggered the outrage at the murder conviction of Sue Neill-Fraser, returns to Foxtel's Ci Channel on 3 August at 9.30pm and 1am on 4 Aug.

The showing is just days before the fifth anniversary of her arrest and jailing, without bail, on 20 August.

The documentary, nominated for an AACTA award earlier this year, exposes flaws in the police investigation of the case of missing Hobart radiologist, Bob Chappell, Neill-Fraser's partner of 18 years.

Chappell was missing from their yacht, *Four Winds*, when it was found to be taking water early on 27 January 2009. His body has never been found.

On 20 August, 2014, Neill-Fraser's current legal representative, Barbara Etter APM, will speak at the plenary session of the Australian Academy of Forensic Sciences at Sydney's Union, University and Schools Club.

Etter, a 30-year police veteran and former Assistant Commissioner of Police in WA, as well as former CEO of the Integrity Commission in Tasmania, will outline her first-hand exposure to another miscarriage of justice case in WA where Andrew Mallard spent 12 years in gaol for a murder he did not commit. She will also discuss the Neill Fraser case.

Double move to protect journalists

Two Bills have been put before the South Australian Parliament to introduce a journalist shield law.

John Darley has put the *Evidence (Protection of Journalists) Amendment Bill*, and Stephen Wade has put the *Evidence (Journalists) Amendment Bill*, before the Legislative Council.

Indications are that a bill will be progressed on either 17 or 24 September. If passed, only Queensland and the NT will be without journalist shield laws.

More information about the differences between these SA Bills is available from these extracts of Hansard: <http://hansardpublic.parliament.sa.gov.au/Pages/DateDisplay.aspx#/DateDisplay/HANSARD-10-13888/HANSARD-10-13884>

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– Rhys Michie

State govt is abusing its power: Fitzgerald

Queensland's ruling Liberal National Party is abusing its power through its huge, unchecked majority, the state's best known corruption fighter said recently, AAP has reported.

Tony Fitzgerald, who headed the Fitzgerald inquiry into police corruption in the 1980s, launched a scathing attack on the LNP government just as Queensland's corruption watchdog, the Crime and Misconduct Commission, became transformed into the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC). Critics say the new CCC is a muzzled pussy cat.

Fitzgerald also accused the government of pursuing self-interest, favouring its supporters and passing "irrational, counterproductive and sometimes invalid" criminal laws. <http://tinyurl.com/qgn2fez>

You work for the 'numpties', Minister

Civil Liberties Australia has hit back at WA road safety and police minister Liza Harvey for belittling ordinary citizens of the state.

She should remember that the 'numpties' who oppose the placement of speed cameras on freeways with long, straight roads, barriers on both sides and wide separation from oncoming traffic were her employers, said CLA's man in the West. "Her comment to the media that people who see the placement of cameras, not at accident blackspots but beside freeways, are 'numpties' shows an alarming disconnect from her role as a Member of Parliament and a Minister," CLA State Director Rex Widerstrom said.

"There is a valid argument to be made that the camera program as it is presently structured, is simply not working," Mr Widerstrom said. "By the Minister's own admission, if the fixed freeway cameras were in place all the time, the police wouldn't be able to cope with the number of infringements that would be issued. Each year, millions of dollars are raised by fining people who are traveling less than 10kmh over the limit on Perth's freeways.

"Meanwhile hundreds continue to die on country roads, at intersections and where the majority of accidents are known to occur. One could even argue that, with 18% of motorists exceeding the limit on the freeway, it's time to review the 100kmh setting.

"WA has been poorly served by police ministers who've been completely unwilling to listen to the people who put them in office when it comes to issues of road safety and speed limits," Mr Widerstrom said, "but this is the first one I can recall who openly insults those who disagree with her."

Jails overflow as 'dumb on crime' takes effect

You the taxpayer pay at least \$2,000 a week to keep each prisoner in your state or territory in food, housing, clothing, medication and some comforts.

The NSW government's "tough-on-crime" policies are swelling the prison population so quickly it is too late to avoid crowding

by building or reopening prisons, the Bureau of Crime Statistics has warned.

Prisoner numbers hit 10,937 in March, about 900 more than a year ago, or the equivalent of one Parklea prison, internal government data shows.

A report delivered to former attorney-general Greg Smith by BOCSAR director Don Weatherburn has concluded that the sharp rise in prisoners is not caused by an increase in crime. "It's a consequence of government and policing policy that the prison population is rising," Dr Weatherburn said. "It would be very difficult to bring additional capacity online fast enough to deal with the growth."

The prison system's nominal capacity is 10,154. <http://tinyurl.com/mqgtedz>

Every redneck calling for "tougher" sentences needs to understand that every prisoner costs him or her more than \$100,000 a year to keep in prison, swelling taxes NSWers must pay. Civil Liberties Australia says governments should be clever on crime, not dumb on crime as they now are.

The police are masters of sacrifice...yours!

NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione said last month that Australians would have to sacrifice some of their privacy expectations in order to stay safe from terrorist attacks and criminal activity.

He was backing proposed retention laws that would require internet service providers and telcos to collect and store information about people's internet use for two years, so police and spook agencies could pour-paw-pore through the details.

Civil Liberties Australia asks the police commissioner a few questions: Mr Scipione, you already have hundreds of powers now that are supposed to keep us safe from criminal activity under the Crimes Act. You already have copious secret surveillance and telephone tapping and undercover snooping powers under new laws of the past decade that are supposed to keep us safe from terrorist attacks.

- Why must we the people have to give up more privacy every year so you can do the job you are paid to do?
- Why do we have to be barred from our capital cities so you can "protect" us when the G8 or G20 comes to town?
- Why is it always we the people, who employ and pay you, who have to bend to your wishes, rather than the other way around?
- Why are you not smart enough to run policing effectively with all the powers you already have?
- How many more powers will you need before we have no privacy left, and you have total power over us so that we can't speak or communicate or think or move without your approval?
- Why is it we have to be more transparent to the police, but the police are closed as tight as a sphincter to outside inquiry and questioning?
- Why is it that we always give, and you always take?
<http://tinyurl.com/pxpwg6a>

As one commentator wrote on the article: "There is no stage when I believe security is more important than privacy. Terrorist is the modern day word for Witch. Security is the excuse for stripping people's rights and privacy so that security companies and police can extract more dollars from the tax payers to pad their budgets. The chance of being killed by a terrorist in Australia is virtually Nil. We already have measures in dealing with criminals. I am not falling for this particular BS." – TD

Cards trump privacy every time

State governments have introduced surveillance by stealth in the public transport cards now predominant in many capital cities, such as in Queensland, Victoria, NSW and the ACT.

The cards are being used to track individuals, with dozens of requests each month from police, intelligence, security and other agencies as well as state and federal government bodies.

It is open slather access: no warrants are needed.

Associate Dean at the University of Wollongong's International School of Information Systems and Technology, Katina Michael, said it was a violation of a citizen's privacy rights for public transport cards to be used in a fashion other than what they were originally intended for. "Location data can reveal things about a person that should only be accessible with a warrant," she said. <http://tinyurl.com/k4wzjev>

The NSW government has just confirmed an inequality of access to future Opal card sales as it announced passengers who wanted to travel via train, ferry or bus anonymously on the card would at last be able to buy unregistered smart cards. But they will be able to do so only at selected railway stations and on selected days.

As critic Graeme Clinch said: "Someone in the government, handling OPAL, has misunderstood the nature of their own tickets leading to a big problem introducing the OPAL Seniors' version. I suspect they will need to keep selling the paper Seniors Excursion Ticket for a lot longer than intended until it is sorted out, if it ever is! The story in the SMH says that kiosks will be set up near rail stations and will sell OPAL tickets that will allow anonymous travel; presumably the tickets will be 'unregistered'.

"The great pity in all this is that the most needy in our society who both use and need to use public transport may well be the very ones excluded from its use by the cost and inaccessibility of the OPAL system!," Clinch said.

Nitschke barred on spurious grounds

The Medical Board of Australia has used emergency powers to rub out euthanasia campaigner Philip Nitschke over his alleged involvement with a 45-year-old man without a terminal illness who took his own life.

Nitschke can no longer practise as a doctor in Australia. He has the right of appeal.

He is alleged to have given advice to Nigel Brayley, 45, of Perth, who ended his life using a euthanasia drug.

Nitschke said there was nothing to suggest Mr Brayley was depressed, and he did not have any obligation to refer him to a psychiatrist.

Dr Nitschke's actions have drawn the ire of groups including the anti-choice groups such as Australian Medical Association and beyondblue, who spruik an anti-euethanasia view <http://tinyurl.com/muef5tn>

Civil Liberties Australia holds no brief for Nitschke, whose own spruiking can be counter-productive to the cause of sensible euthanasia laws, but he should not be barred from his profession on political and philosophical differences, as seems to be the case here.

Offences should not be automatic: law society

Absconding from mandatory alcohol treatment three times should not be an automatic offence, the Northern Territory Law Society says.

Addressing a 48-recommendation review of NT legislation that allowed a tribunal to force serial drunks into periods of

rehabilitation, the society said it also backed increased use of interpreters during assessment and treatment.

Society President Peggy Cheong said the circumstances of each person's case should be considered when deciding if they had committed an offence. <http://tiny.cc/a0mkix>

Australian brief

Political leader supports medical marijuana: WA Opposition leader Mark McGowan told the Labor Party's state conference last month that cannabis should be legalised for medicinal purposes. He said people with terminal or chronic illnesses should be able to access medicinal cannabis in tablets or sprays to ease their pain, he said. McGowan said he did not support softening laws on recreational drug use but would like doctors to be able to prescribe cannabis when other medications had failed. "Why should anyone have to suffer in agony if there's another way to relieve their pain?" he said. <http://tiny.cc/4dcpix>

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The report on activities is truncated this month as the President, Dr Kristine Klugman, who usually lists the activities, has been receiving radiotherapy and chemotherapy for cancer for four weeks.

CLA Website in the past month – go to: <http://www.cla.asn.au/>

New articles include by barrister/academic Hugh Selby on inequities in Tasmanian and ACT 'justice', Kevin Boers on governments' changing the rule of law, Bernard Keane on why data retention is bad, Pauline Westwood on TPP negotiations faltering, Louis Coutts on how the government is abusing the law, and Rhys Michie on a great Castan Conference in 2014. *Would you like to write an article for the CLA webpage? Please contact the Secretary.*

Media:

Tim Vines, V-P and National Media Spokesperson:

- Parole and conditions: Adelaide 5AA with Leon Byner
- SA Parolees and GPS bracelets - Radio Interview with Nova SA
- New ASIO Computer Laws - On camera interview for SBS World News
- OPAL Card and Privacy - Live interview for ABC News 24
- SA Surveillance Devices Bill - Recorded Interview for SBS (not screened yet)

Other (gene patents):

Journal of Law and Medicine article on High Court and Medical Patents.

Appointments:

* Selected to visit EU Parliament and Commission in 2015 as part of the EU Visitors Program

Tasmania Director: Richard Griggs

- CLA-generated petition on the Tas Parliament House website re anti-protest laws: Tasmanian residents may sign it: <http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/EPetitions/Council/CurrentEPetition.aspx?PetNum=19&Index=-1>
- Comment on mandatory jail proposals: <http://www.themercury.com.au/news/tasmania/anger-at-tasmanian-governments-mandatory-jail-push-for-protesters/story-fnj4f7k1-1226964195130>

WA Director: Rex Widerstrom

Media release: 'Numpties, the police minister and road safety' (see item above)

Victoria: Rhys Michie

Article on Castan Centre annual conference (see CLA website)

Preparing major submission on Freedoms Inquiry, initiated by AG George Brandis and being conducted by the Australian Law Reform Commission – volunteer helpers required: please contact the Secretary.

Submissions:

- CLA submission for Marriage (Recognition of Foreign Same Sex Marriages) Bill: CLA points out that the real anomaly would be NOT recognising such marriages, as it would be discriminatory). Petition had not been "accepted/published" by the committee at end-July, so we are prevented from making it public.
- CLA submission for Comprehensive Review of Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act, in lieu of appearance. Sub is available on the CLA webpage, and also as Submission No 44 at: http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Legal_and_Constitutional_Affairs/Comprehensive_revision_of_TIA_Act/Submissions

INTERNATIONAL

Editorial: New York Times, 27 July 2014

A stronger bill to limit surveillance

The US Senate is about to begin debate on a bill that could, at long last, put an end to the indiscriminate bulk collection of Americans' telephone records and bring needed transparency to the abusive spying programs that have tarnished the nation's reputation.

The bill, to be introduced by Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, is a significant improvement over the halfhearted measure passed by the House of Representatives in May.

That legislation was notable for putting even Republicans on the record in opposition to the broad domestic spying efforts of the intelligence agencies, but its final version was watered down at the insistence of the White House.

Mr Leahy said at the time that he wanted to write a stronger bill, and, after negotiating with the White House, he has.

Both bills would stop the flow of telephone data into the computers of the National Security Agency, keeping the information with the phone companies, where it belongs. But the Senate bill takes a major step in limiting how much of that data the NSA can request.

It would require the agency to ask for the records of a specific person or address it is tracking, instead of conducting a broad dragnet of an entire area code or city in the hopes of turning up something useful.

The government would have to show why it thinks the records it requests are related to a foreign terrorist agent. The vague language in the House bill could easily have been exploited by NSA lawyers to conduct far more snooping on personal records than is really needed during a terrorism investigation.

The new bill would also make the process more transparent by requiring the government to disclose how many people's data was collected by intelligence agencies, and how many of those people were American. It eliminates the one-year waiting period before a recipient can raise a legal challenge to

a national security letter, which has been used as a form of extrajudicial subpoena by the F.B.I. <http://tinyurl.com/p9dzgqw>

NOTE: This likely US legislation flies in the face of claims by Australian Attorney-General that nations similar to Australia are moving to increase surveillance of citizens, CLA says.

Germany kicks out top US spy

The German government has asked the top representative of America's secret services in Germany to leave the country.

Clemens Binninger, a member of Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democrats, who chairs the committee that oversees the intelligence services, explained that the move came in response to America's "failure to cooperate on resolving various allegations, starting with the NSA and up to the latest incidents".

The move comes in response to two reported cases of suspected US spying in Germany and the year-long spat over reported NSA spying in Germany, including claims that Merkel's phone was tapped. <http://tinyurl.com/ld3d35o>

Stop laughing, this is serious!

Turkey's Deputy PM has sparked outcry by declaring women should not laugh loudly in public.

Bulent Arinc, a co-founder of the ruling Islamic-based Justice and Development Party (AKP), made the comment late last month while lamenting the moral decline of modern society.

"A man should be moral but women should be moral as well, they should know what is decent and what is not decent," Mr Arinc said in a speech in the western Bursa region for the Bayram holiday that marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting for Muslims. "She should not laugh loudly in front of all the world and should preserve her decency at all times," he said.



Turkish women took to social media in droves to denounce the comments, posting pictures of themselves deliriously laughing under the hashtags #kakhaha (#laughter) and #direnkakhaha (#resistlaughter) which have now gone viral. <http://tinyurl.com/owrrooc>

Ex-head prelate now supports assisted-dying

The former archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, supports a euthanasia law as a way of preventing "needless suffering".

The former head of the worldwide Anglican church said it would not be "anti-Christian" to ensure that terminally ill patients avoid "unbearable" pain. Lord Carey of Clifton, 78, served as archbishop of Canterbury between 1991-2002.

The assisted dying bill, debated at second reading in the House of Lords last month, would legalise assisted dying for the terminally ill in England and Wales. The Church of England is strongly opposed to the bill. <http://tinyurl.com/no3thku>

Desmond Tutu, one of the world's most eminent religious leaders, has made an extraordinary intervention in the debate over assisted death, by backing the right of the terminally ill to end their lives in dignity.

Writing in the Observer, the 82-year-old retired Anglican archbishop, revered as the "moral conscience" of South Africa, says that laws that prevent people being helped to end their lives are an affront to those affected and their families.

<http://tinyurl.com/qjojpm3>

Africans emasculate their own rights court

For years, African governments have accused the international criminal court of unfairly targeting leaders from the continent.

Their proposed alternative, the African Court of Justice and Human Rights, was intended to give the continent a home-grown solution...but last month, African leaders stripped the court – which has yet to begin work – of power to prosecute them for genocide, war crimes or crimes against humanity.

An African Union summit in Equatorial Guinea voted to grant sitting leaders and senior officials immunity from prosecution, valid while officials are in power. Critics warned it could further encourage attempts to seize office for life: Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe is the world's longest-ruling leader.

The decision rolls back half a century of developments in international human rights and criminal justice law, said Kenyan activist Njonjo Mue. Other courts of last resort, such as the international criminal court (ICC), can prosecute sitting or past leaders who typically have immunity in their national courts.

"It's a joke," said Mue, program director at the Nairobi-based Kenyans for Peace With Truth and Justice. "The [African] court has been cited as an African solution to African problems, but by granting themselves immunity they put themselves out of reach of the institution. Ninety per cent of the crimes [the court investigates] will be by senior officials in power ... It's an own goal because it means victims have no choice but to turn to the ICC for justice."

The ICC was set up a decade ago to try those accused of the worst international crimes, but some global powers – including Russia and the US – don't recognise its jurisdiction. However, the Hague-based institution's most strained relationship has long been with African leaders. All eight people it has indicted are African. <http://tinyurl.com/mqblts9>

Board fails to live up to its name

A White House panel examining the privacy and legal fallout from the massive National Security Agency spying revealed by whistleblower Edward Snowden concluded that the snooping was lawful yet "close to the line of constitutional reasonableness."

The Privacy and Civil Liberties Board said that the programs that tap undersea cables and acquire data from ISPs like Yahoo and Google with broad orders from a secret court are "authorized by Congress, reasonable under the Fourth Amendment, and an extremely valuable and effective intelligence tool".

The 191-page report, released last month, was condemned by civil liberties advocates and scholars.

The board said the US could continue to spy on Americans without individual warrants if the authorities believe the results would "likely" produce foreign intelligence. If it does not, the data should be deleted, the board recommended.

Earlier this year, the privacy board concluded that the NSA's bulk telephone metadata program was a Fourth Amendment breach and did little to combat terrorism. That program remains largely intact.

None of the report is binding on President Barack Obama or Congress. <http://tinyurl.com/n8rru4r>

Big Brother watches you in – and out

The US government plans to use facial recognition and iris scanning to foreigners' visa status as they're leaving the USA, according to *Nextgov*.

Officials in a special Maryland facility will spend the next year working on the technology and its application for its premiere in 10 major airports by 2015.

Post-11 Sept 2001 legislation outlined the need for entry and exit biometric identification of foreigners in airports. This is the exit part, since entry has been largely dealt with. In July 2013, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that the biometric scanning program was expected to cost \$7 billion. It's not clear if that price tag includes the Maryland testing facility.

The system will be a facial and iris scanning device that will be put in place at departure areas. The goal is to identify foreigners leaving (using biometric info collected when they received their entry visas) and to reference their pertinent travel information. This is meant to show who is exiting and entering the country so immigration officials in Customs and Border Protection can be aware of who is abiding by their visa, or if they have one at all.

There are some big holes: All of the 11 Sept terrorists had legitimate visas to the USA. And while Customs and Border Protection thinks that this could help fight illegal immigration, the vast majority of the undocumented do not travel by plane, and the ones who do typically come in with legal visas and overstay their limits. *Slate*: <http://tinyurl.com/kz97tbk> and <http://tinyurl.com/p6gxmgt>

In Australia, there are about 50,000 overstayers in the country at any one time (source: Dept of Immigration Facts pages).

Facing up to manipulative fiddling

The UK's foremost privacy and data watchdog will investigate Facebook after the revelation that it had conducted a study by fiddling with users' news feeds to see if it could manipulate their emotions.

About 689,000 members of the social network (including those under the age of 18) with their language set to English were unwitting participants in the study, apparently.

Facebook has come under fire for the secret experiment because of its psychological nature, which did in fact prove to be unnervingly effective at controlling people's emotional reactions.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has said that it will review the situation thoroughly in order to try to establish whether Facebook has broken UK data protection law. <http://tinyurl.com/leu3nsr>

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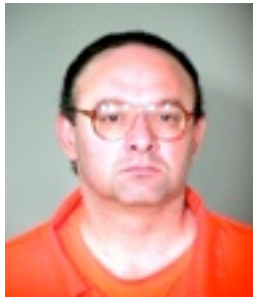
Q. How many innocent people are in prison in the US?

A. We will never know for sure, but the few studies that have been done estimate that between 2.3% and 5% of all prisoners in the US are innocent (for context, if just 1% of all

prisoners are innocent, that would mean that more than 20,000 innocent people are in prison in the USA) – The Innocence Project (USA) <http://tinyurl.com/d27m36q> For comparison, Civil Liberties Australia estimates there are between 1.5 and 3.5% of prisoners in Australian jails who are innocent.

International briefs

State executes by torture: America has become such a barbarous society that a convicted killer last month 'gaped and snorted' like a fish out of water for two hours as officials executed him. The torture-to-death lasted long enough – 1 hour 58 minutes – for lawyers to file an emergency motion to halt the process, which was unsuccessful. Joseph Rudolph Wood eventually died after being injected with a little-tested combination of the sedative midazolam and painkiller hydromorphone, the only drugs available to the state of Arizona because chemical companies refuse to sell traditional execution drugs to the USA's killer states. <http://tinyurl.com/mb4camp>



Joseph Rudolph Wood

No power, no fly: Passengers flying direct to the USA may be forced to switch on mobile phones and all e-devices to prove they do not contain explosives, the US Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced on its website last month. "Powerless devices will not be permitted onboard the aircraft. The traveller may also undergo additional screening. Britain's Department for Transport said the new restriction meant any electronic device with a flat battery would not be allowed on flights, the Press Association reported. <http://tiny.cc/o6jnix>

DATES

5 Aug, Sydney: Animals and Social Justice, Prod Will Kymlicka, Canadian Research Chair Political Philosophy, Queens U, addressing the question: Do animals have rights? 6-7.30pm, Sydney Law School, U Sydney. <http://tiny.cc/8la8gx>

7 Aug, Brisbane: Towards Global Security? Dr Matt McDonald, UQ Art Museum, 5.30--6.30pm, details: <http://cccs.uq.edu.au/mcdonald-lecture>

7 Aug, Melbourne: Reclaiming American Virtue: The Human Rights Revolution of the 1970s, by Dr Barbara Keys, Sen. Lect. School of Historical and Philosophical Studies, 5-6.30pm, Level 9 Melbourne Law School. email emma.shortis@unimelb.edu.au

9 Aug, Perth: Hazara Exodus – The Unseen Road to Asylum: Afghanistan. Photographer Barat Ali Batoor discusses his and his family's journey and the persecution of Hazaras in Afghanistan and Pakistan. 2–3.30pm at WA Museum. Batoor's series for the Global Mail won the Nikon-Walkley award for best photographic essay of 2013.

19 Aug, Sydney: Rights Talk...on the ageing and those suffering mental health issues, Prof Henry Brodaty (left), 12.30-1.20pm, AHRC L3, 175 Pitt St, Sydney. <http://tiny.cc/i3orbx>

21 Aug, Darwin: Vincent Lingiari Memorial Lecture. Details: email – marissa.briston@cdu.edu.au

28 Aug, Canberra: 2014 NGO Forum on Human Rights, run by Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade. DFAT and the NGO

community discuss human rights issues, including UN Human Rights Council and UNGA Third Committee.

31 Aug - 4 Sep, Adelaide: 22nd international symposium of the forensic sciences, ANZFSS. Info: <http://www.aomevents.com/ANZFSS2014>

28 Sept–1 Oct, Sydney: Aust. Political Studies Conf, U. Syd, Details: apsa2014sydney@gmail.com

1-3 Oct, Sydney: ANZ Society of Criminology, U. Sydney Law School. Theme: Testing the Edge: Challenging Criminology. Details: <http://sydney.edu.au/news/law/457.html?eventid=10300>

16 Oct, Sydney: Charles Perkins Memorial Oration and Prize, 6-8.30pm, Great Hall, U. Sydney. <http://tiny.cc/0za8gx>

5 Nov, Canberra: National information policy conference, held by the Office of the Australian Information Commission. Details TBA. Info: <http://www.oaic.gov.au/news-and-events/oaic-events/information-policy-conference-2014>



7-8 Nov, Adelaide: In the Shadows of Justice (tentative title), conference of Centre for Criminal Justice, Policy and Research at Flinders U. Details: willem.delint@flinders.edu.au with keynote speaker Prof Kent Roach (left) of Canada. Features miscarriage of justice cases in Australia, with CLA speakers.

11-12 Nov, Melbourne: 10th annual Islamic studies postgraduate conference: postgraduate students from any uni welcome. Contact Tessa Shaw: law-cilis@unimelb.edu.au

14-15 Nov, Manly, Sydney: Aust. Labour Law Association biennial conference. 'Under the Microscope: the Next Phase of Aust. Labour Law. <http://tiny.cc/ua8gx>

10 Dec, World: International Human Rights Day

15-16 Dec, Singapore: 'Researching State and Personhood: Law and Society in Southeast Asia', Centre for Asian Legal Studies, U. Singapore, focusing on research located in one or more of the following: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam. Details: lynettehua@nus.edu.sg

2015:

14-15 Feb, Canberra: National Judicial College of Australia conference, ANU. Details: <http://njca.com.au/program/anu-njca-conference/>

17-20 March, Brisbane: 7th Australian drug and alcohol conference, hosted by Queensland Police and Australian Federal Police. Brisbane Convention Centre. Details: <http://event.icebergevents.com.au/adasc-2015/>

June, England: 800th anniversary of Magna Carta

Date, Place TBC: 2nd Global Domestic Violence Conference

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