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everyone, G'day John, uh, Thursday the 20th of June, back on Club Grubbery. Great to see you, mate. Good to see you too, Woody, and great to have, uh, Professor Plymer here with us. Yeah, Professor Ian Plymer down in the dungeon of his, um, house. of his, uh, whatever building it is, his complex in, uh, sunny downtown Broken Hill.

Ian Plimer, thanks for joining us again. We love having you on. Yeah, thank you for having me. Well, it's been, uh, it's been an incredible, uh, few years, I know, and there's a whole lot of stuff going on. I know you're a big fan of, uh, of, uh, Chris Bowen. Oh, I am, I am. He's the best in the Liberal Party I've got.

He's fabulous. Exactly. And single handedly, we'll, we'll, uh, help them win the election. Absolutely. Absolutely. It's easy to look like an eagle when you're surrounded by turkeys. Is that what you're saying? Oh, yes. Oh, yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Well, Professor Ian Plimer, you're Emeritus Professor of the University of New South Wales in the subject of geology.

You're, uh, widely read on a whole range of issues, especially on climate change. And, uh, and I think we all, a lot of us share a similar view on yours in relation to that. Uh, you do a lot of work with, uh, Gina Reinhardt and that's one of the topics we want to talk to you about tonight because I've been hearing some things about Gina Reinhardt that really impressed me and I'd love to be able to ask her but I know that she's reclusive and, um.

And, uh, and we respect that, but she doesn't talk to people with where those sort of shirts come on. I'm going to have to go and change his shirt. She is an eminent Australian. She's the greatest woman this country has ever produced. She just wouldn't allow herself to talk to someone with a horrible Czech shirt when you can't even play chess on it.

It's not even symmetrical for chess. Her father, her father used to wear a shirt like this. Well, Lang was a different man. It was his anniversary of his birthday just two weeks ago. That was, what was that, the 10th. Um, and, uh, he was a great man. And I think you can. put down that a lot of Australia's industrial growth in the late 20th century was due to Lang Hancock.

Um, he, he was the one that triggered the, the great iron ore boom that we're seeing now. So he was a great man. Uh, She's a chip off the old block. I think she, she's far more visionary. Um, she works 24 seven. She works every day. Um, it's just absolutely incredible. The workload she's got and she does it willingly.

She, she could easily live in the Cote d'Azur living off money and, um, having a party life, but she doesn't. She's a great Australian. She employs a lot of Australians. She helps a lot of Australians. And, um, I, I'm absolutely privileged to work with her. I sit on, well, I was going to say 10 of her boards, but I got a note today saying I'm on number 11.

Well, there you go. She works some hard too. You hold her up against people like Twiggy Forrest. I don't know where you stand on Twiggy Forrest, but I think Twiggy says a lot about what he does for this country, but, uh, Anyhow. Yeah. Well, look, there's, the Bible goes into people who make noise about their achievements and those who quietly achieve things behind the scenes.

Yeah, exactly. So she is, she is a very very eminent person. She doesn't need to, um, blow her own trumpet. Um, she probably, um, needs people to do it for her. She just doesn't get the recognition she should get. Um, I mean, here you've got your mate Dan Andrews gets an AC. Uh, all that Mrs. Reinhardt got was an A.

O. Uh, she was put up for an A. C. Um, why didn't she get an A. C.? Uh, her contribution is adding to wealth in this country, whereas Dan Andrews contribution is adding to debt. Well, I thought you were an emeritus professor and the font of all knowledge, but you obviously don't know that to get the AC, you have to be a narcissistic psychopath.

So she doesn't qualify. No, she doesn't. Although there are some eminent people with ACs around, um, but I just, I just think, um, for someone who in the COVID crisis was quite happy to be able to kill hundreds of people. I didn't get a gong. I just think that's perverse. It is. It is. And you're not the only one thinking that.

And there's a lot of work being done to unseat that. And I hope it succeeds. I know the Nationals are running a campaign to have him stripped of the honor. Johnny Larder, I know you've got a lot of questions you want to ask Professor Plymer, but why don't you kick that off and then we need to talk about the government's renewable energies policy.

A whole bunch of things. Yeah. Well, look, I think it'd be good to start the night talking about Matt Keane and his departure from, uh, From state politics, that is, uh, uh, probably one of the most noteworthy things that's happened in the last 12 months, getting rid of that fool. Well, what took so long? I mean, uh, the, the people of, I think he's in Hornsby, isn't it?

The state electorate. Yeah. I mean, I, I live in Adelaide, so, uh, I haven't lived in Sydney since 1972, so I don't really know exactly what's going on there, but, um, There was no future for him. Um, he, he did the right thing to jump. There's no future for him. He'd never be leader of the party. He would never be accepted.

He's, he's woke. Um, and time to have. Someone else in there to actually, um, uh, actually build the state. Um, New South Wales, um, like all the other states is in debt, but it's got a better chance of getting out of it than say Victoria, because it's still got the remnants of a manufacturing industry. And one of the things that New South Wales has got, and many people don't, um, understand this, is having an airport so close to the center of the city, um, is enormous, uh, benefit for the economy.

If the airport was out at whoop whoop, like you have with, um, uh, Tullamarine, um, then the, the economic effect is not nearly as great. So true. Um, do you think, um, um, close to my home here in Tumut, we've got the snowy hydro 2.0. In fact, I think in excess of 90 percent of the infrastructure for that is in our, uh, local government area.

And I, and I spoke at council today about this because transgrid are wanting to, uh, uh, ruin the, uh, the landscape here in, um, our backyards and, uh, take, Um, essential farming land away from, from those farmers. And, uh, I noticed in Victoria that they're, they're really, uh, ramping things up with, with efforts down there.

The, the, the country fire authority, uh, volunteers are actually saying that they're going to refuse to, uh, go to fires. Uh, that are, uh, started by these, uh, transmission lines. Uh, what do you make of all that? Well, I think people power is absolutely vital. Um, people in rural areas, uh, are just being bulldozed by city based governments and governments putting in policies which, um, Don't benefit anyone.

They cost everyone a fortune. And, um, Tumut is absolutely beautiful. It must be a bit brisk there at present, but you know, you've got the, um, Batla. You've got the fruit growing industry there. You've got along the river, some wonderful, um, some wonderful agriculture along the river. It's, it's, it's an area where, um, tourism, uh, comes.

Uh, why should you spoil that for some ideological? Uh, power system where you might crisscross the country with these massive, uh, power lines. We've already got power lines. They come from where we used to generate electricity at coal fired power stations. Uh, we're destroying all this agricultural land with solar panels and wind turbines.

Why are we doing that? All we're doing is running up our debt. All we're doing is running up costs. And all we're doing is, is putting a Band Aid on a non problem. And the non problem is that human emissions, um, drive global warming. Now, we've never seen any evidence for that. So the whole lot is an absolute, Total waste of money.

It's a divisive, it's destroying communities and it's quite destructive. So, uh, I think, uh, people power has to come in. Uh, we are seeing in Victoria in the areas where they want to put in power lines, the potato growers basically are having a huge amount of their land sterilized. They can't use any farm equipment underneath the power lines.

Uh, and, uh, I think, uh, I think the same is going to happen countrywide. People have got to really fight this hard. And the only good government is a frightened government. Uh, you cannot have governments thinking that they can just bulldoze the average person. Now, the whole renewable scheme, the only thing renewable about that are the subsidies.

Every, everything else, uh, is destructive. Absolutely. And Paul Broad, uh, the CEO that started all this with Malcolm Turnbull. I mean, he's essentially thrown a grenade under the incoming CEO and made out that none of this is his fault. But this is the guy that demanded that every staff member down at Snowy Hydro, the good people at Snowy Hydro had to be multi vaccinated, uh, for the mRNA vaccines.

He mandated that, uh, it was a disgraceful decision. And then, uh, Uh, I put him, uh, solely responsible for that, uh, dreadful decision. And, uh, and now he's just walked off and blamed everyone else. Well, you can do that. Uh, there are no consequences for the actions that people took during COVID. Absolutely none.

In fact, the inverse that where the former premiers of Western Australia and Victoria get a gong, the highest possible gong in this country. There are absolutely no consequences for people being forced to take these mRNA vaccines. And there's a huge amount of evidence out there now, the latest. The Dutch report, I think they looked at 47 countries and I published it in Britain, um, showing that the excess deaths as it's quite worrying.

And, um, we had an inkling of this during COVID. We certainly knew that these were untested vaccines. We certainly knew, um, that the whole process was one which, um, was not democratic. Um, I make decisions about what I put into my body. Um, no government's going to make that decision for me. Absolutely. And, and that's being borne out now by the data that's just coming thick and fast.

You know, it's clear that the narrative is broken. Uh, the former deputy chief medical officer or health officer for the federal government in, uh, Nick Coatsworth has come out and said that, uh, getting boosters isn't supported by the science and he was one of the poster boys pushing it. We've talked about this a lot through the week, um, but getting, getting back to the, the, the big issues that are really unfolding now in Australia are definitely around renewable energy.

Um, you're, you're a mining person. I'm mining for logic. At the moment, I'm looking for logic. I'm prospecting for logic and I'm struggling to find it in that Australia sells tons of some of the world's best coal to India and China who are burning it like when they're not selling it to make ornaments out of, um, I struggle to find the logic.

in the Queensland government providing, uh, vehicle, electric vehicle charging stations all around their highway network, which they say is funded by royalties from coal mines. I mean, can you please explain some of the logic of this to me? Because I'm at a bit of a loss. There is no logic. Uh, the whole thing is ideologically driven.

It's driven by people who live in the cities. It's driven by people who do not care about the economic harm that they have there. We once had very cheap, Reliable electricity. Victoria, with its brown coal, was able to produce electricity at three cents a kilowatt hour. Um, it's ten times that now. Now, we have thousands of years of coal in this country.

We've got thousands of years of uranium in this country. We have, uh, At least, um, hundreds of years of gas, maybe more. Um, we desperately need coal, all the brouhaha you hear about the green steel, et cetera. That's

not practical. It doesn't work. Uh, you're in an international market, a ton of steel made in China competes with your ton of steel.

And if you can't make it cheaply, you're finished. So, um, We need coke and coal. Um, we still have not yet had anyone tell us that human emissions of carbon dioxide drive global warming. No one's ever shown that. So I keep hammering that point. It's never been shown. And if you did show it, you'd have to show that the rest of the emissions, which is 97 percent of the total, and these are natural emissions, you'd have to show that they don't drive global warming.

So we've got. A whole policy based on a house of cards and it is so fragile, it's economically destroying us. We have very, very cheap energy. Why do you think China and other countries buy our coal? Because it's the cheapest way of creating energy. Energy by having steam generating, uh, plants, delivering electricity to industries that are growing China.

And we have got rid of our cheap electricity and now we've got unreliable, expensive electricity, which has to be backed up by diesel as we've got in South Australia, which has to be backed up, um, by batteries that might last five minutes. Um, we have gone absolutely bonkers. And all I pray for is we have.

A very cold winter. I'm sorry in Tumut. It'll be really cold. Um, a very cold winter, uh, big, um, cloud such that we don't get any sun coming through and big systems that are not moving. So we've got no wind now that Wind drought, uh, we've seen all the time in Europe and we are likely to have a system which will collapse now.

We're near collapse now because there's absolute panic about gas in eastern Australia. And, um, there's only a certain amount of gas you can stockpile. We have plenty of gas in the ground right next to gas, um, production works in, uh, the Gippsland area. Onshore, we have plenty of gas, um, in parts of New South Wales, which, um, I know Santos have been trying to get access to this for, uh, more than a decade and can't do it.

We've got a lot of gas in Queensland, um, but we have a gas crisis, um, there is not enough gas getting into the system. And so I think we, we are facing, if we have a cold winter, we're facing a collapse in the system. Unless you've got a warm shirt like I'm wearing, in which case you'll be okay. Bye. I think I'd rather freeze.

But we, uh, a lot of people are still prattling on about the fact that nuclear energy is not safe. What do we do with the waste? It's not safe. Look at what's happened around the world. But the technology has gone so far ahead of those, um, of those dire predictions about nuclear energy. What's your take on it?

Well, they're scare campaigns. They're scare campaigns by those who've got their snout in the trough in the renewables industry. And these scare campaigns have become hysterical. And once you get a hysterical campaign, uh, campaign, then there's absolutely no ability to use any logical common sense. So, um, we, we, uh, um, would join many, many other advanced countries with nuclear.

There are countries like Spain that have seven reactors. Um, I think Slovakia and Slovenia also have six or seven reactors. We have to get into the 1960s and, and start generating nuclear power. It is not frightening. It's not fearsome. It's probably far safer than any other system of creating electricity.

And that's tried and proven. We tested these systems with Fukushima and the systems worked. We've tested them elsewhere. Um, we haven't had any of these scares that are being promoted, yet we've got hundreds of nuclear power plants operating around the world. We have one in Sydney, uh, and that's the Soft Neutron Reactor at Lucas Heights, uh, that's the second reactor we've had there, and we've, we've basically had a nuclear industry in this country now 60 years.

And uh, if ever you're seriously ill and you need medical isotopes, you need Lucas Heights Nuclear Reactor. And we have that close to Sydney airport because the isotopes that were created short lived and we've got to be able to fly them to Western Australia on the Pacific Islands before they decompose.

And so that reactor, I remember when it was built, it was in the bush. Uh, now there's suburbia all around it and people are complaining that they built a house close to a reactor. Yeah, well. Sorry, folks. If you really think a reactor is dangerous, don't build your house near one. But there are reactors in the middle of cities.

Um, I worked on a, used a reactor for research work in the city of Munich, in Germany, when I was a professor at the Ludwig Maximilians University. We had a reactor. in the center of the city. Um, this was standard practice in many parts of Europe and standard practice in many parts of the U. S. In Hamilton, Ontario, um, that town has, has got big reactors.

They're also creating this new Ken Boo type technology. They're creating the, um, the small reactors. So, um, The safety is a complete furphy. The safety is a misleading and deceptive because we haven't got any problems with reactors elsewhere in the world. The only one that gave us problems is a cheap shonky Russian design, um, which was very old, very badly managed.

Well, what are we going to do when we sail our Virginia class nuclear powered submarines into HMAS Cuttable next to Sydney Harbour Bridge? Well, how many nuclear powered ships have we had in Sydney? Um, I'm, I'm sure the Virginia class submarine wouldn't be the first one into Sydney Harbour. No, the USS Enterprise was in there back in the, in the 70s.

Well, there were some interesting things happen. I recall once, um, us at a bar in Sydney having a And there's a chap up there, um, drinking on his own. I went up and had a chat to him. He was off one of those ships and we're chatting away. And, um, he was a microbiologist working on a U S a Navy ship. I didn't pursue it any further, but it's bloody obvious what those ships carry.

So, yeah. Um, if I, if I can clearly have someone who's a microbiologist and clearly they've got biological weapons on board, then they clearly would have nuclear powered, um, ships or maybe even nuclear weapons. And, um, that's fine. Um, very safe technology. Yeah. The disposal is really good now too. Sorry, John.

No, I was just going to say, look, it would seem to me that Albanese's really misread the room, uh, with this fear campaign stuff. I think people are sick of it. Uh, They're very wary of it, and I think it's creating the perfect platform for Dutton. I think so. I think it's a very, very brave political move. Um, Alba misread the room with the voice.

Uh, he's misread the room with climate. Um, he doesn't understand that the average punter is bleeding with inflation. Um, the average punter doesn't give a shit about these ideological, um, games that he's playing. The average punter is having trouble keeping their head above water. And if you've got a decent sized mortgage, then they're in real trouble.

And these are all things that we spoke with GG Foster about last week. Yes, yes. Look, this guy in your, in your, uh, lifetime, uh, professor, has there been a worse government? No, no, no. Um, I mean, I, I first voted in 1966. Um, and the Whitlam government, uh, was a pretty bad government, but this, this one is, is, uh, I, I, I think it's far, far worse than Whitlam ever was.

And Bob Hawke must be turning in his grave to see what's happened to his Labour Party.

Indeed, it's going to be a very interesting election, but so many people now just calling Labor and Liberal a uni party and, you know, we just go from one disaster to another. I mean, Morrison's government was an absolute failure as well. It was, but what Dutton has done is, he has uh, drawn up the battle lines and you see that there are significant differences now between the coalition and the labor green, uh, coalition.

Uh, they are significant differences and you have a choice. Um, so previously I don't think we had a choice. Um, because basically the uh, Liberal National Party Coalition was, was light green and the Nationals didn't have much power. Uh, the Nationals now are exerting a bit of muscle and um, all I can say is keep going.

I think it's fabulous. What's your take on what appears to be a rebirthing of One Nation? Well, again, One Nation are representing the voice of the average punter out there. One Nation do understand what inflation is about. One Nation actually get out and talk to people. One Nation reads the room much better than any other political party.

Um, And they, they clearly need to have top quality candidates. And I think the two senators they have, um, um, in Canberra are superb. They've got some, Upper house members in, um, some of the state, um, areas, um, they wanted to in the Queensland election, cause there's no upper house in Queensland, a red tip Theodore got rid of that.

Um, but, um, I, I think one nation are a very, very attractive conservative party. In fact, I live in a blue ribbon liberal seat. Uh, it was Christopher Pine's seat, um, and there's no way I could vote for Christopher Pine. And so, um, I voted One Nation. Um, now his Chief of Staff is now the current, uh, member. And again, He is, this member is invisible.

Uh, he's entitled and, um, uh, he gone, he's gone from, uh, that a 9 percent majority to, to being a marginal seat. Uh, that's due to his wonderful charisma bypass operation that he's had. And, uh, he's, uh, he's, he's going to be in trouble, but he won't be getting my vote. Well, Christopher Pine seemed to be the, uh, the liberals alternative to, uh, President Trump.

To Bowen. Well, yes, I think he was a very, very canny parliamentary operator. Um, but in terms of putting all that money into South Australia, just to retain Pyne's seat, I think was very misguided. Johnny. Birmingham's not much better, I've got to say. He's, he's, he's I wouldn't say he's much better, I'd say he's worse.

Shocker. Um, yeah, and what, what is happening in South Australia is quite interesting, actually. Senator Alex Antic has, um, signed up many members, and these people are true conservatives, many of them Christian. And, um, What's happened is there have been changes in the federal, um, executive councils and the state executive councils.

Um, and he's, he's changing the party, shifting it more to a central party rather than the left wing party. And he's doing it from the bootstraps up now. Um, in my electorate, he failed, um, to get up in Sturt and failed to get his, his ticketed team up in Sturt. But, um, There are plenty of other electorates around so there are things happening and this is the only way I think you can change the conservative politics is to start from the bootstraps.

Now, you hear words like extreme right being bandied around that's because people have moved so far to the left, both the Liberal Party and the Labour Party that anything that's anywhere near the center, um, therefore is extreme right. Um, we don't have extreme right in this country. Um, and I don't think we ever have.

Um, the National Party are a protectionist party, um, and they are a right wing party representing, um, Um, people who are, um, productive people who actually, um, build this nation. Um, so they're the closest thing we've got to a right wing party, but as far as I'm concerned, um, we need to bring the coalition back to being a centrist party, a centre right party.

You're now on 11 boards. Uh, you obviously know a thing or two about business. What, what will this policy of Peter Dutton's, this nuclear policy and energy Uh, do to reinvigorate the manufacturing industry?

Well, I'm not in the manufacturing business. I'm in mining and, um, and, uh, other commodities. Um, I think it will take time. I think there's been a huge loss of confidence. Um, and, uh, the only thing that I think will revive manufacturing in this country is to cut regulations and cut your costs. And to cut your costs, you've got to Um, start, um, getting rid of a lot of people who are in that perfectly good sheet paddock near you.

Uh, that's totally destroyed by public servants. Uh, I think you've got to, um, lower the, the, the, the number of public servants. You've got to reduce the costs of doing business. You've got to cut back enormously on regulation and you've just got to let people do what they do. And, and that he's trying to make a living.

Now we cannot keep going having 1200 small business bankruptcies every month. And that's where we're at at present that he's killing the country. It's killing the entrepreneurial spirit. So, um, I don't think that move will do anything yet. It's going to take a lot of time before people get confidence back.

And the best way to get the confidence is cut your costs. If you're running a business, if you're in trouble, you cut costs. Governments don't do that. They can just increase taxes. So what the government has to do is to cut costs. Um, in other words, um, get rid of a lot of people in the public service in Canberra, um, reduce the amount of expenditure, uh, that will bring inflation down.

And cut out the ridiculous regulations. There's no reason why a person should be out in the paddocks all day and then have to come back and do three hours of bookwork. Um, and this is doing work for other people doing work for bureaucrats. That's just not on people now. Um, don't have the freedom they have previously had in small business where you could actually, um, have a bit of time off.

You can't now. It's, it's 24 seven. So I think what Dutton has to do, if he has the honor of being the prime minister, is to cut costs in Canberra. Cut the regulations. Just be like Alexander the Great. Come in with a sword and just cut everything. We can give him a prime list of candidates to chop out of the public service.

You can start with Jane Halton for one. Um, we, of course with manufacturing, uh, you know, people who are going to invest a lot of money in small business and, and even larger businesses in manufacturing, they, they demand a reliable and cheap electricity. I mean, you just can't do it. I've got a friend who just sold a butcher shop in WA.

He was paying 20, for electricity. Just to run a bottle shop. I mean, well, um, how, how can you keep freezers going? How can you keep fridges going? Um, how can you run a foundry where you've got to melt metal and pour it and cast it? You can't do that without cheap electricity. Now, if you want to run a foundry, it might be cheaper to do it in Thailand than in Australia.

If, if you, uh, running a butcher shop or, uh, uh, and, and, and, uh, You, you have these massive power bills of 20,000 or so a month, um, you just close now where people get their meat from. Uh, I don't know, but, um, this, this just runs up the average person's costs. It's, it's going nuts. So we, we, you know, friends of ours, John and I are running a manufacturing business in the Hunter Valley.

It's not only the cost of electricity, it's all a ridiculous work health and safety regulations. And the trade union movement are inflicting everything they can with the help of the Labor government to stifle manufacturing even more. It's just out of control. Well, what you have to do as a small business, and I think you're referring to small businesses, is if you look after the community and employ more than 100 people, you actually pay payroll tax.

So you actually get taxed. For employing people that that's just absolute nuts. And the second thing is that, um, you are there struggling away with your small business under the same sort of regulations, health and safety that BHP has to have. Now, BHP are big enough to be able to have. Departments to deal with this.

But if you're a small business person, you can't have an HR department. You can't have health and safety people. That's just running up your costs and you're competing against someone else's business, who's producing the same product in Malaysia or in India. And so once you have high costs, uh, you're out of the game.

Ian Plimer, how do you see, uh, November shaping up in the U S and how would that affect Australia? What do you, what do you, what do you think, do you think the world is ready for Trump, uh, Trump government? Well, there's a couple of things here. Is Biden going to stay alive long enough? Um, I think he's in very serious, um, cognitive decline.

Uh, the debate, Which I think is in two weeks time today. That shall be interesting. And, um, they're probably going to be using some of that cocaine that was found at the White House to prop him up for the, for the hour long debate. But, um, uh, you, you cannot have a president in that state. So, and you can't have the laughing jackass come in and take over.

So, um, they have very serious problems in the U. S. Uh, I think the Western world is stuffed unless we have Trump come in now. Trump, I think in his first term was pretty naive. He didn't drain the swamp. He allowed the, um, uh, the Capitol Hill, uh, bureaucrats to run all over him. I tell you what, this time he wouldn't put up with that.

It, he, he will come in all guns blazing and he will sort it out. I don't know where the world will go if we don't have Trump. Um, my concerns are that. You might not have enough people get out and vote because people say, well, look, you know, why should we vote for an old man? Well, I think it's got a lot of knowledge.

He's pretty experienced. He's not a political hack. He's only got four terms. He's going to last it. Biden won't last it. I think Biden will be lucky to be alive this time next year. I think so. I hope and pray that, uh, Trump gets, uh, elected as president, because if not, God knows what we're going to do in the Western world.

We're just opening the door saying to China and Russia and Iran, come in and rape us. Well, also internally in the States, a lot of people that we know over there, I ask them quite candidly. I've been on a few programs over there and we've interviewed a few. Is America on the brink of civil war if Trump doesn't get in?

And a lot of them are saying they're already in a soft civil war. Um, that it's, it's playing out already. And they're in, they're employing lawfare. We interviewed, um, Donald Trump's lawyer in the January six trial. Um, John Larrow and, uh, he said we're, we're already in a soft civil war. Something like that breaking out in America weakens, weakens democracy all around the world.

And as you say. Yeah, it does. No, that's why the Japanese never contemplated invading the U. S. in the second world war because of the number of weapons that are around. There's even more weapons around now and, um, America, um, I, I, I think is, is really very touchy at present. Um, if Trump. Um, gets convicted, uh, and, uh, and I think it's, um, this is a very tricky issue.

It could trigger serious civil trouble if it's against shenanigans and he wins the election but doesn't win it. Um, I, I, I think he could, you could have some serious civil trouble. Yeah, absolutely. And that's going to affect everybody, especially Australia with our alliances and, and, uh, I think so. I think so.

Yeah. I think so. I, I think this is probably the most. Interesting year of politics in my life. I couldn't agree with you more. I think it's the most interesting year in world history. Oh, yes. It's going to play out. It's going to play out all over the place. Johnny. Professor, these, uh, human resources departments, uh, Hoodie calls them the human remains department, seem to, uh, power that we've never seen before, but they're very disconnected from the business.

Uh, they don't seem to have any knowledge of what their, their products are or what their people do, but they, they, they have such power. I mean, how does Gina Reinhart manage, you know, human resources in, in her sector? I mean, she's obviously very successful and employees love working there. Well, people certainly do love working here.

They get very well treated. Uh, and human resources is kept in a box. I mean, they have a job to do, um, but, uh, they don't run the business. And, um, a lot of people don't realize that directors run companies. It's not employees. The exception, of course, is the ABC, but directors run companies. And if something goes wrong, we go to jail, right?

That's simple. That's the price you pay. Do you think that, uh, that's shifted too far? These people have got too much power, too much influence? Well, in many organizations, I think so. Uh, I, I have many friends in big companies like BHP and Rio, et cetera, and they're, they're basically sterilized. They can't move.

Uh, because, um, uh, health and safety and, uh, so you can't do this, you can't do that. And even at the local council, I mean, we, we can't even, we can't even, uh, run an Anzac Day march without getting lollipop people to come in at five grand a pop, you know, you know, it's complete madness, isn't it? Yeah. Yeah.

Yeah. That's, that is ridiculous. Um, I mean, The whole lot has got out of hand and these are some of the regulatory areas that actually should be cut back and just saying, why don't you try something you haven't tried before? It's called common sense. Getting back to, uh, getting back to power generation and nuclear, if Dutton wins the election, and I'm, it's just, I think it certainly will do, uh, you know, I mean, Morrison lost the last election, uh, Albanese didn't win it, and I think the same thing is going to happen regardless here.

But if Dutton. wins the election and we go down the nuclear pathway for providing electricity in this country. What do you, what do you think is a reasonable time span before we'll have operational power stations? Well, I think Dutton's been very clever to put, uh, the seven proposed sites as where there are coal fired power stations that will soon be decommissioned.

And that means that you've still got the poles and wires, you've still got the workforce, um, you need for a coal fired power station, a lot of very skilled labor. You also for a nuclear fired power station. So, um, that's, uh, cut a lot of the, um, uh, time delays. Um, you can, if you have the one design nuclear power station, you can save a lot of time rather than having to have a, a different design for a big power station.

And, uh, those designs such as in Finland, I can get these things up very quickly. Um, and. He's not talking about five gigawatt power stations. He's talking about smaller ones, and these may well be modular. And, uh, we've had modular reactors since the 1950s in, um, ships and submarines. Um, there are modular reactors around and, and I think.

What Dutton is doing is floating the idea and the details and the costing has to come later. Um, but I, I would have thought that they're, they're probably going to do it stepwise and have some modular, you know, for example, the power station that, uh, Collie in Western Australia is not a big one. Uh, that could easily be a modular power station, uh, the same as the one here at Port Augusta in South Australia.

Uh, but the ones, um, in the sites in Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales, they need a bit more grunt. Uh, so for example, when Hazelwood was taken offline, that was 1.6 gigawatts. That's getting to be a big power station. And to have that as modular is probably not as easy as, as just to build a single big design.

So these designs are around, um, These power stations are being built in South Korea, in Taiwan, in Finland, in Sweden. Um, I think you can save yourself a lot of time. So I think Dutton is being fairly conservative with the time. I think he could probably speed that up quite a bit. Uh, but again, you would have to make sure that, um, you don't have, uh, the unions, um, trying to absolutely destroy, um, what is energy for Australians.

Absolutely. Final question, Joe. What do you make of this fiasco off the south coast, this wind farm nonsense off the, uh, off the coast? Well, I think anything off the coast, um, should be off, off, off limits, full stop. Um, and one of the great advantages for the wind industry is that you can't see the birds they kill.

You can't see the bats they kill. You can't see the whales they kill. Um, but the amount of corrosion is enormous. The unsightliness is terrible. Um, the, uh, effect it has on fishing, shipping, um, airplanes is enormous. Uh, I don't see why we should be despoiling our countryside such that we can have foreign companies make a fortune out of our stupidity in this country.

It's time to stop. And the easiest way to fix that is to say, well, thanks. The party's over. There are no more subsidies. That's where, that's where it goes. There's no doubt about that. And there's so much restructuring we

have to do. We have to reduce the size of government. We need to reduce the size of the bureaucracy and have the right people in there.

There's a lot of work to be done, but we've done this before in Australia. Yes, we have. Um, and there is always a lot of pain and a lot of blood, but, um, it has to be done. Um, we are a very wealthy country. We have huge resources and we've just frittered it away. When you look at the amount of money that's raised in taxation, you have to look around and say, well, why are the roads so bad?

Why is the infrastructure so bad? Where's all this money going? And it's, it's going into a bloated bureaucracy and it's just being churned in circles. People are not actually benefiting from all the taxes that they pay. Exactly. Exactly. Exactly. Well, that, uh, that's gone very quickly and, uh, I think we need to bring it to a close.

One more final comment or question, John? Well, I need to say that, uh, Professor Plymer is the voice of common sense on, uh, climate change. Climate change is a lot of nonsense and, uh, just another scare campaign like COVID and, uh, it's great to, uh, have his educated and, uh, experienced views put to the, uh, Club Grubbery audience.

Well, thank you for having me to the Club Grubbery. I've got to ask you one question. Have you got any backyard chickens? No, no, no, no. Are you able to buy eggs in South Australia? Yes, got plenty of eggs. Um, Um, we're, we're well off at present, but, uh, that, that outbreak in New South Wales is a bit of a concern.

The Victorian ones are even more concerning. Um, what are you self concerned? It's a different strains and they're brought in by, uh, wild birds. So, yeah, I guess, uh, if you're eating eggs or eating chicken, make sure you cook it or overcook it. Not a problem. Well, it's going to be interesting to see government reaction or overreaction to that as well.

So it's a bit astounding that we believe they're using PCR testing to discover whether these birds have got a bird flu. Well, you wouldn't want to be a chicken in today's world, I reckon. No, as always, we'll bring this to a close with a prayer. Dear Lord, Father in heaven, we thank you immensely for the, for the wonders of modern technology that we're able to speak across the nation to wonderful, uh, educated people who are able to enlighten us and expand our perspectives with an educated point of view.

We thank you for Professor Ian Plymer and Gigi Foster and all the others who have been talking about various issues on our program. They definitely have enlightened our audience. And we certainly need that in this perplexing world that we live in. So Father, guide and lead us into, into all truth. Is our prayer in your precious name Lord, Amen.

Ian Plymer, thank you so much. Johnny Lardy, you've often been heard to say. You just couldn't make this stuff up. You couldn't make this stuff up and stay out of the trees everyone. I'd like to thank my wife for turning a tablecloth into a warm shirt for me and I'll never wear it again in front of you Ian Plymer.

I hope we'll get you back on. I expect a jacket and tie and perhaps even a top hat next time. Well, you shall have it, sir. You shall have it. Now, uh, just for our audience, we're, uh, we're doing a joint one with Cafe Locked Out, uh, this Sunday night, John. Michael's asked us to come on to do that. And we're going to be meeting on the first Sunday night of every month to give a monthly wrap up for what's been going on in this great country we call Australia.

And why is it great? Because you, our viewers, live in it. You're amazing and look after each other. Compassion wins out at the end. We've got to get back to, she'll be right. Meaning we're going to be okay if we pull together and not all be right. So God bless you all. Thanks for watching Club Grubbery.

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