

2024-07-22 Graham & John speak with Craig Kelly....

Hi everyone. On Monday the 22nd of July, it's really good to be back in club grubbery mode again, Johnny, and we're starting another week, uh, and I'm sure it's going to be a fascinating week. Um, some people approaching us to be interviewed from the States. We're just lining up the time zones. It's, it's gonna be a good week.

I'm really looking forward to it. And, uh, great to see you again, mate. What's happening?

Oh, mate, we've been, uh, we've been, uh, busy, busy, busy as always, trying to line up interviews and, uh, yeah, it's, uh, hectic times. Uh, but it was good to see Yasim MOT Ultra have a bit of a, uh, a win with the mainstream media in the uk.

He managed to, uh, to, to get, uh, a really good, uh, few punches away. And yeah, I don't know whether, uh, Craig got the suit, but, uh, yeah, it was really, really good. Um, and I think, in fact, I think actually it was brought about, uh, essentially because of that, uh, uh, leaked. Video from Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Uh, where I believe his son took a pic, oh, you know, a video clip of him in a conversation with president Trump, um, speaking about the vaccines.

Uh, so that sort of kicked the debate off again. That, and, uh, yeah, so that, that's, that's good.

Good. I hope, uh, Dr. Daniel Ninio is watching this, our regular, uh, medical troll who, uh, just is, uh, is becoming, is becoming quite bizarre on, on social media, um, which is, you know, keeps pushing for an interview, but the more you carry on like you do Daniel, the less likely you're ever going to get to come on the program.

We don't want to talk to you. Um, especially after you wrote letters to ARPA to try and get, uh, to get, you know, John deregistered or have it all blown up again anyway. Um, not going to give you any more airtime. Uh, Craig Kelly, uh, great to have you on mate, as always. Uh, you've been a regular on this program.

We always love your insights and we just want to, we just want to shoot the fat with you today, Craig, because there's a whole bunch of stuff going on around the world and also in Australia. And, uh, Before we get stuck into this, uh, we were just chatting before we press record about Chris Bowen and a really good, uh, stash going on at the moment in the parliament between Senator Gerard Rennick and Chris Bowen.

I mean, Chris Bowen will lose if he has a debate with Gerard Rennick. Gerard Rennick's challenged him to a debate. Chris Bowen would lose if he had a debate with, who can we think of, John? Kerry Chair. Daniel Linio, he would lose it about Daniel Linio. Don't

laugh about Chris Bowen. Remember during the COVID period, he was the shadow minister for health.

Now he had a, an enormously important and responsible role in this country, right? He was there as shadow minister for health to hold the government to account, to hold Greg Hunt to account on the things that he was doing and he failed. Catastrophically, he has to be moved out of that portfolio. He was so bad.

I moved him out of the portfolio. And what did they do? They dumped, put it in energy. Yeah. Yeah. It just beyond belief. He stuffed up in health. And all of a sudden they said, look, you've got to get out of health. They put Mark Butler in there. Who's, who's, you know, not much better and move bound in charge of energy.

So now he's actually out there wrecking the economy, uh, storing our prosperity and pushing up electricity prices with his madness.

And destroying our beautiful country as well with the, uh, Oh,

look, you know, you look at some of those photos of that, uh, you know, that bushland, uh, up in sort of Queensland and the table lands there, you know, and the destruction of the bulldozing of the trees and the, you know, thousands and thousands of hectares, just, you know, clear, basically clear felt to build these monstrosity wind turbines.

And then you've got this absolute, like, you know, madness. They're wanting to build these offshore wind turbines off the Illawarra south coast here, you know, in Sydney, and also off Newcastle there, but in the middle of a whale migration zone. And remember these wind turbines, the water depth there is over a kilometre deep.

So they, they don't, the normal way you see all these offshore wind turbines in the North Sea, they're all like only in shallow water and they're basically bowled to the, you know, the column goes up and goes straight down into the sea bed. These wind turbines that Bowen is proposing will be floating wind turbines.

They'll be tied to the, anchored to the sea floor with like mooring cables. Like you, you've seen how big those swells get, the Sutley Busters in the summertime down there. Imagine a floating, you know, floating wind turbine down there. We've seen what happens. There was one recently that, uh, fell apart and smashed.

The blade all smashed over in, um, over there in North America near Martha's Vineyard. They had to close all the beaches. Uh, five beaches were closed because they said they have a fiberglass shards. We're all over the beach. It is a disaster. It is an economic disaster. It is an environmental disaster, and Bowen is proceeding over it, and the bloke does not have a clue.

Seriously, look, I, you know, I've opposed Bowen on a lot of things. We saw during COVID, he never read anything. He never followed any of the details. He just went across the mantra. And when it comes to these offshore winters, he was there the other day saying, Offshore wind is constant power. The bloke, hello, the bloke does not know the government's own report.

Show the capacity factor of those offshore wind turbines off the Illawarra are about 34 to 35%. The same as off Newcastle. All right. So that means that if it works a hundred percent of the time, you have a hundred percent capacity, right? That's what I would say. It's constant power. They work at like 35%.

And that's only when you get 25 K's out of sea at the sea. Okay. He clearly is completely out of his depth. And what, what makes him so dangerous is his arrogance.

It's

one thing to be ignorant. And there's a lot of politicians that are in Canberra, ignorant about the subjects they talk and they, they go up on, they rely upon the, you know, the ministries, but Bowen's day.

Why he is so dangerous is his arrogance. Because he, one of those blokes that thinks he knows everything. He said Jared really would absolutely cut him to pieces in a debate. Because Jared is one bloke that does his homework and knows his facts.

We would happily host that debate on Club Grubbery. I'd love to have them both on.

Uh, we could have you on, Craig, to adjudicate. I reckon that'd be great. John and I could just sit back and giggle. Um, but you know, an IQ is actually important for someone in health and energy. Um, and clearly the government, Albanese has shown his lack of IQ in appointing some of the people that he's got in this role.

I mean, We've seen so much go wrong in the last few weeks with energy and also, uh, with internet outages and all that sort of stuff. We're clearly seeing now that, um, cash needs to remain as king. Yes. I mean, and, and how much we rely on the internet for everything.

This is one of the dangers, Graham. The real danger of having the, uh, you know, the internet and having a cashless society.

Yes, there's the fact that, you know, the internet can go down and then what happens, right? But the real risk is that the government gets to track everything you do and every dollar you spend. And we saw what happened in Canada. We're not talking about Bolivia or Cambodia or some despotic third world country.

We're talking about in Canada. They decided because people were protesting against the government that they would cut access to their bank accounts. That is the real danger of a cashless society because you rely upon the government. To make sure that those electronic things are working and there's no black mark against your name.

And, and the ability that the government, that gives the government to, to shut people up and to close down descent is, is frightening. It is a totalitarian, uh, the totalitarians in the past. Would have loved the idea of a cashless society because of the control that it gives them over the population. We must fight, we must never allow these central bank digital kind of currencies to come in.

I'm glad to see that President Trump said not on his watch, they'll not be happening. All right, so we've got to make sure exactly the same thing here. We're going to say no to central bank digital currencies. We've got to make sure that cash always remains king. And then, and I would like to, I think there's a very good case now for, for some type of regulation or that we have a cash is legal tender that certain businesses must accept cash.

It's look, there is a admit for businesses. Some businesses would prefer just to do everything on credit card. It's, it's, it can be easier for them. You know, you haven't got the security risks. You haven't got to make sure all the money gets to the bank. You know, it often for some businesses much easier, but we've got to make sure the businesses one after the other can't get a competitive advantage by saying, no, we're no longer going to accept cash.

I think there's a case in regulation you're going to bring with cash is a legal, uh, a current, you know, legal tender and for certain transactions, I'd say the necessity of life might be like, it might be supermarkets, petrol, fuel, uh, chemists, uh, you know, clothing, hardware, uh, you know, all your basic groceries, all those things.

Yep. You should be able to buy, you should be able to buy, Pay for pay for with cash, Johnny.

Well, some interesting stuff in the U S Craig. Um, how do you think Kevin would be feeling at the moment? Do you think the

comments that we've got to have, whoever is the US president, right? We need to have the highest relationship between the U S president and our Australian ambassador and our Australian leadership, right?

If, if, if the shit hits the fan or something goes wrong, right. I want someone in a leadership position in our country that can pick the phone up and dial the U S president and the U S president phone rings bloke from Australia. I'll speak with him. And he talks to them, right? The last thing you want. As if there's some problem here where we desperately need the American self.

And, and the bloke we've got over there is sort of antagonistic towards the U. S. president. And the U. S. president picks up the phone and goes, Oh, it's that dickhead from Australia. I'll take the call later. Right. And what we have with Kevin Rudd, we have someone that has verbally abused President Trump thought that he would get some political advantage locally by saying, you know, attacking Trump.

Uh, Trump has obviously heard those comments and maybe I think, what did he say, this bloke's a bit of a deal or something, right, right, right. I really think on the comments that Rudd has made. If President Trump wins the election, which looks highly likely, uh, Kevin Rudd should simply, um, you know, resign from the position.

I think his position is untenable. It's not in the best interest of Australia to have Kevin Rudd as our ambassador in Washington. If Trump is president, like when, when Joe Hockey was there and Trump was president, Joe would go and play golf. With Donald Trump. That's what you want. That's, that's the ideal relationship you want.

You want your ambassador to be great mates with the president of the USA that you'd be one of these golfing buddies or something. Those things, those, those personal relationships count. That's what, that's the job of being an ambassador to build those personal relationships up. Rudd will never be able to build a relationship with Trump.

And if Rudd was really concerned about what was in the best interest of this country, not in the best interest of Kevin Rudd, he'd say, look, I've said some things about this president before. Um, you know, someone could do a better job than I could here as the ambassador in the USA. I'm going to resign.

His ego won't let him do that though, Craig.

Of course not. While we're talking America, if we ever doubted Joe Biden's mental acuity. It's not in doubt anymore because he has stood aside from the race, but he's endorsed Kamala Harris. I mean, can you believe that? Can you believe that Kamala Harris with it with the nuclear codes?

Yeah, we fought them. We thought Biden, you know, rambles on sort of thing. Kamala Harris takes the, uh, you know, the, uh, she, she's about a pass of the thing. Look, um, a couple of things on Biden. Firstly, it shows how the mainstream media have been lying to us. Just another example. You know, for, uh, for the last couple of years, they've been saying, oh, Biden, the sharpest attack.

You know, and that was the, that was the narrative sharpest attacks. You had media organization after media organization, all repeating that same law and yet Biden is sharp as a tack, right? They knew he had neurological issues. They knew he wasn't up to the case, up to the case, right? I knew there was significant problems and yet they were lying and they were misleading the public, gaslighting the public.

So he was sharp as a tag when they should have been asking legitimate questions about his mental health, his mental fitness, just another example of why we cannot trust the mainstream media and why all these, you know, dis and misinformation laws that basically say, Oh, you know, the, the mainstream media always tells the truth.

We must follow what they say. And, you know, any country, anything contrary is misinformation. I saw a dangerous, you know, the, the, the, the, the, the, the,

Unbelievable. It is. Kamala Harris. I mean, it's just the one, the one good thing about Kamala Harris is there, there will at least be one debate between her and Trump.

Can you imagine what that will be like? I mean, that would just be crazy. That'd be slaughterhouse five. I reckon it's just, um, anyway, we

should run a book on the number of times she cackles during the debate. She has that, that khaki, whenever she's, whenever she's caught out, uh, whenever she doesn't know what she's talking about, uh, whenever she gets asked a question that she, she can't answer, she cackles and laughs.

And that's the way to distract the thing. I would predict during the debate with Trump, about 20 cackles. So we'll count, we'll count them when it, when it comes on. So the thing right then, and I'll tell you, there's, there's an interesting video I've seen on the internet today. Uh, it's about the destruction, uh, or the, the poverty in, in San Francisco and California, just unbelievable.

And that's, that's where Kamala Harris is from. That's, that's her hometown. Yeah. The deceit, the seed of despair and the economic destruction, and that's California after having decades of all democratic, uh, you know,

governors and democratic policy in place has just decimated the place. It is, it is really, it looks like some third world country in Africa, one of the most poverty stricken places in Africa, wouldn't look as bad as this does.

And this isn't, this isn't what is, what is effectively the. The wealthiest, uh, you know, a place bestowed with natural resources from, you know, from energy and, and beautiful coastlines and, uh, you know, uh, and it's still, and this is what those policies have done to it. And now she wants to be, be president of the USA.

Yeah. Goodness me.

What does it say Craig about our politicians, you know, that have had recent contact with Biden and have been over the top, you know, they've been very resounding in their, in their confidence and their, uh, and their attributions towards, um, you know, how good he is.

Yeah, look, I was, I don't, um, I don't mind that coming from an Australian politician because you've got to have, you've got to have the best possible relationship you can with the leader of the USA, whoever it is.

Now, you know, you'd want to be, that's, you want to be, when Biden was there as president, uh, whoever was from Australia, You want them to be, you know, on good talking terms with them. You want them to be able to say, you want the Australian prime minister or the ambassador to pick the phone if they need to.

If there's, if there's some problem to pick the phone up, dial the U S president and have the U S president pick the phone up. That's what you need. And if that means that, you know, some of our politicians have, have gotta say now publicly that they thought Biden was doing a, a, you know, a, a, a good job without getting involved in the, the US electoral process.

I don't, uh, object to that. And that's why it, it is so dangerous for Australia, but Kevin Rudd to be left there if pre, if, if Donald Trump becomes president again, because you cannot have a, you know, a proper. Uh, you know, relationship where there's such bad blood, where Rudd is the one that started, you know, Rudd thought that he could get some great domestic political advantage by criticizing Trump.

And he, he wasn't the only one. There's a whole list of Australian politicians that were, and wanted to criticize Trump for their own political advantage. They should all now be ruled out as being, having anything to do with their ambassadorships, uh, in, uh, in, uh, in Washington. It's going to be a difficult, uh, you know, period of time.

Trump's policy is going to be very much. Uh, pro America, you know, we're lucky. We, uh, we import more from America than we export to them. Um, you know, so, but we need to keep the best possible relationship, not only with America, but with every, every possible, uh, overseas country.

Where do you think you'll go with the COVID stuff?

Sorry, just say that again. Where do you think Trump will land with the COVID madness? Look, um,

uh, if I was Trump, right, I would be absolutely filthy With what Fauci did, right? And I think, I think Trump will realize the big mistake that he did during his last term was basically listening to Fauci, uh, you know, letting Fauci run the show and calling the decisions, uh, because they're obviously, Fauci was lying to Trump.

He was misleading Trump and that caused Trump a lot of, uh, you know, a personal loss of support, not only the economic destruction that he did. I think it was interesting. I, if you saw the end of the Republican convention, uh, they played, what's the song, uh, Nessun Dorma.

Yeah.

And that's also the, the song is, I think there's a movie, the sum of all fears, and they play that at the end and that's when all the baddies get, get knocked off.

And I think that was Trump sending a message to Fauci and these other guys that if I get in here, you guys are all going to be held accountable for what you've done.

Well, the English version of Nessun Dorma is we will win. It's a theme song. That's really starting to pick up now. I've seen a heap of clips on that.

You're pretty astute, especially on domestic politics. Craig Peter Dutton's gamble on nuclear. How do you think that'll go? It was a pretty

funny. I argued five years, six years ago inside the liberal politics back in 2006 to 2017. We should get rid of the ban on nuclear power. Absolutely. No one, no one. I was pretty much on my own then.

So I was, I was the only member of my old seat in city Hughes and, uh, I was the only member of parliament with a nuclear reactor in his electorate down there at Lucas Heights. So I'd made a lot of trips down there to Lucas Heights and I got educated by a really great Uh, Australian, you know, AD Patterson, uh, you've seen AD Patterson do some interviews recently.

Uh, he, I don't know if you, he's someone I think you should try and get on. Uh, this guy, he was the head of ANSTO running the place down there at Lucas Heights. He knows more about nuclear power than I think anyone in this country sort of thing. And, uh, he, he educated me a lot of issues. Now I wouldn't be, I wouldn't be building nuclear power stations today.

Right. I think one thing that, um, you know, labor have got a good point on here and I hate to say that, but the top, it's going to take a long time. First to construct them. Firstly, they've got to repeal that ban that we have at the federal level, and to do that, they've got to get it through the Senate. Now, it's very hard to see how the coalition is going to get the numbers at the next, after the next election, even with the success, even if they are to win the numbers in the lower house, it's very hard for me to see how they're going to get the numbers in the Senate to be able to repeal that, uh, Legislation that bans nuclear power.

So that's another three years on, you know, you're talking there with 2025 that you're talking 2028, so you can actually repeal the legislation. Yeah, it's, it's a long, long, it's a long time down the track. Now, if you look at the profile of when the coal fire power stations that we have, we've got 21 gigawatts of coal fire power station left.

Right. Which is an absolute tread bare minimum. We've closed down about 10 gigawatts of capacity over the last decade or so. So we're down to the threadbare where we are now. As those coal fired power stations age out over the coming decade, we're not going to be able to get those nuclear reactors up in time to replace that coal.

So we should today be planning to refurbish and extend the life of those coal fired power stations, even building new coal fired power stations to get us through. The next 15 to 20 years. And what I would like to see, and I know AD Patterson has been very strong on this, we should be investing in nuclear research.

That's where we should be. It's, it's one thing, as I said, we've got more uranium than any other country. Uh, in the rest of the world, I think we're close to the largest, the second largest exporter of uranium. Now, that's great, but we should do more than just sell the uranium. We should aim to do the whole nuclear cycle.

We should aim to have the science and the creativity and those new small nuclear modular reactors. We want to be able to design them and manufacture them here in Australia. Now, that's not going to happen overnight. That's going to take a long time to do. But you've got to start the investment in the education.

Now, uh, Eddie Patterson wanted to start a, a university down there at Lucas Heights to get another generation of their smart, best and brightest kids coming through to train them up, to get them involved in the nuclear

thing, and also to import some of the best people from overseas, and he explained to me, he said, the problem that we've got.

He says, we're seen as a bit of a joke when it comes to nuclear power, because we have this ban. And that is going to be like a hindrance to import some of the best nuclear researchers in the world. They're not going to come to a country where there's a ban on nuclear power. Now, if you just lifted that ban, you could get this research started.

And as I said, he said, look, with our lifestyle here, he said, we could attract the best researchers from around the world to come and work here to build up. And Australian industry that in 25 years or a quarter of a century, it's something that we could have a real competitive advantage in and could be a great wealth provider for this country.

But just, I think that just to go along the side, we'll get the South Koreans to build this big nuclear generators, you know, and sign a couple of contracts with the South Koreans to build these things in 15 years or whatever. I don't think that's a good policy for the nation.

Yeah, we had Professor Ian Plymer on who agrees wholeheartedly with everything you just said.

He's been on this show heaps. We had AD Patterson on, uh, on a great panel on renewable energy. It was fantastic. What reassured me from everything he said was The, how safe nuclear power is now compared to what it was when all these bans came in. Yeah. Even the proposal of spent uranium is so safe now, the way it's done.

I mean, we must be looking at it. Dutton's really gone out on a limb and it's really drawn a lot of flack, but, um, you know, where, where do you, um, where do you see the next election? A, when do you think it might be? And how do you see it panning out?

Okay. Firstly, I think that Albanese will call an early election.

Okay.

Um,

if you look at the polls, his polling is absolutely collapsing. All right. It's it's his, his popularity is falling significantly. Um, and if you go back through recent history, remember in 2009, uh, Kevin wrote the end of 2009, Kevin Rudd was like a country mile in front of the polls. And there was talk about Kevin Rudd going to an early election in 2009, which if he did.

He would have won in a landslide. He would have increased his majority and he would have been assured for the next three years. But he held on, on 2009. And by the time you got through, by the time you got through to sort of like early 2010, remember there was the Penrith by election, something like a 25 percent swing against Labour, and he'd fallen off the cliff.

And then within a few months, Labour panicked and they got rid of Kevin Rudd and dumped him and put Gillard in. Albany was around that time. You will know that lesson. You will also know the lesson when Kevin Rudd came back. If you remember correctly, when, when Gillard ran it was what, uh, 2010 to 2013, and they bought Rudd back.

It's hopeless. Remember that we know carbon tax under the government. I leave the minute. She said that it was over for her because she misled the public. Right. Came back and the deal wasn't some of the labor guys in Canberra told me what the deal, how they'd organized it. The deal was that, um, Rudd would come back.

He would have, he would go to parliament for basically a week and then he would call the election. And what happened in the minute that Rudd came back, the polls went through the roof for labor. Yep. Yep. Labor hit the leaf when Rudd came back and, and Rudd, you know, with the Ego Mania act that he was, but oh yeah, I'm so smart and wonderful.

The longer I'm here, the more the people will love me again. The thing is, he peaked the day he came back and went down and he postponed the election. He delayed the election, and again, he, he got, he got absolutely smashed, uh, by Tony Abbott, a, a land a landslide loss. So Albanese was around for all those things.

He knows about that. He sees his popularity falling now. He might think that, you know, maybe I can't get a majority, I'm going to lose some, I'll lose some seats, but I can govern with the greens and the teals. And I can still be prime minister. So I still get the lodge. I still get Kiribilli house. I still get the government jet.

I still get to go to the, you know, the, the G seven and the G 20 and all that, and the big overseas conferences and, and parade on the world sort of thing. And I, I get to do that for another three years sort of thing. Uh, you know, even if I can't get really much legislation through, I've got to sort of bow down to the greens and, uh, yeah, and the teal.

So I think there's a real chance that he will go early. I also don't think that Albanese would want to go to the election after Trump wins. Remember that a U. S. election, I think is in early November. Now, if Trump wins that election, he's going to pull out of Paris. He's going to say this net zero is a complete nonsense.

He said the other day, he said, uh, the electric car mandate, also they'll scrap that on day one. So all these policies that labor has on this net zero concept is all based around all the rest of the world is doing it, therefore we must do it. Now, if you've got the U S scrapping these things, if you've got China, so we're not going to do anything to 2060, the, the argument of why, let alone if you know, why we should have these policies all falls apart.

Yeah. And that's good. People got such a hang on a minute. Why should we inflict pain on our economy to go to net zero by 2050? China's not doing it. And America's not doing the two world's largest and Russia's not doing it. The two, but the two large China, America, particularly the world's two largest economies are not doing it.

Why should we inflict this pain on our is madness. And that's, that's lady's policy. So I see if, if Trump wins. It makes it a lot harder for labor to argue their policies. So that's another reason why I'd say that Albanese would be thinking, let's go to the election before the U. S. The U. S. election.

He's a lame duck prime minister already, surely, isn't he, Craig?

Well, does he care? Just think about it. Does he care? He gets. He gets the parade around as the prime minister, right? He gets, he gets the luxury of, uh, the lodge down there in Canberra with everyone fading him. Oh yes, prime minister. Yes, prime minister. He gets all the staffing, uh, entitlements for all the staff that he can employ, uh, as prime minister.

Uh, he's got the jet, he's got the government, uh, the RAF, uh, VIP jet. He can basically travel around the world in his private jet. He comes to Sydney. He's got a Kirribilli house there and the magnificent lawns. They're looking over the, over the Harbor there and over the opera house and Fort Denison. Um, you know, he knows that's what does he care too much?

He's he's got. You know, most of his ridiculous legislation through, um, and anything that he needs to is likely to be talking about. He wants to get to this misinformation bill and these things in digital currency. The Greens and the Teals will support him with all those things anyway. So, so I think he's more likely to want to go to go to the election and, and the real danger for the country is that as bad as he has been this term.

And if you look at any of the economic statistics, we've had the biggest decline in real wages. Under Albanese that we've had under any recent prime minister. Real wages in this country are going backwards. GDP per capita is going backwards. We've had now five quarters in a row of negative GDP per capita growth, which is only pumped up by record orders as a million people is important.

The country in two years, unprecedented number. That's how we sort of trying to keep the economy out of a, out of a recession headline of recession. So as bad as Albanese has been. Just imagine if he's got a sort of like cut deals with the greens and with the teals, because that's what will happen if Albanese Wednesday like they said it won't be a labor government.

It will be a labor greens teals government, which would be an absolute, you know, a mitigated disaster for the nation.

Well, we've seen the departure of another politician during the week too, Craig, um, Dominic Perrette, uh, another one that had a real opportunity to leave a legacy, but did nothing. Um, off to some flashy post in Washington as the, uh, manager there for BHP.

Yeah, I remember it was during the election campaign and I asked him, I think it was on one of the radio stations and he said, I can't stop the mandates or something.

He said, you can remember that I can't do anything. I said, mate, I says, what a weak leader you are. You know, you were the premier of New South Wales. You had every, every right and every ability to stop the mandates. All these government departments just picked their head up and said, mate, yeah, Get rid of that mandate.

There's no, there's no, um, uh, medical, uh, no medical argument that you could put for those mandates. I want you to get rid of it. By

the end of business today. In fact, uh, that was me on the end of that phone call. I rang Ben Fordham. Oh, right.

That's right. That's right. It was too.

On my way to the industrial relations commission.

I forgot

it was you. Yeah, that's right. Remember you ran into the phone and you said, why don't you. Maybe you could tell the story better than I do. Your memory's probably better than mine. Yeah. Well,

look, it was about five o'clock in the morning and I heard that he was coming on the Ben Fordham program and we'd left Tumut to drive down to the industrial relations commission.

And anyway, I rang the producer up and surprised. Cause they know my number. I thought, Oh, you know, they'll, they'll take me out, but they said, yeah. All right. Um, and so anyway, at about eight o'clock I went on there and, uh, and, and Ben Fordham to his credit, I mean, he, he put me on, uh, it was towards the end, but basically, well, well, parentage just said, well, look, Ben, um, I don't, I don't make the rules that there is no, Uh, data, there is no evidence to support anything that's going on, but I'm not in charge of the bureaucracy.

That's right. That's right.

Yeah. He was the premier. As you see, I can't do anything about it. I remember it was astonishing. He was worse than a wet biscuit. Yeah. And one does white wonders why they lost sort of thing. You know, he had a chance to stand up. He should have been challenging Berra Jekyllian when Berra Jekyllian was completely, utterly out of control.

The woman, the woman went mad, right? That, that, that's fact to it. Berra Jekyllian went mad. And she had no one with the strength in, in that cabinet or surrounding it. I said, hang on, hang on, Gladys, pull your head in. You've got this wrong. You're causing untold harm, uh, medical harm and economic harm to our state.

Right. Distinguish yourself from Dan Andrews. Show how different New South Wales can be. Don't get out of the track of following what Dan Andrews is doing. And they're all just pathetically weak sort of thing. It was really, as a former member of the liberal party, it's one of the most disappointing things that I've seen.

We had all these things that we were supposed to believe in individual freedom and a small government and getting government out of your life. Yeah. And we, they just caved in like gutless cowards.

Do you think Craig will find out in years to come? I mean, obviously, we won't know immediately, but I mean, there seems to have been a very, uh, Lavish lifestyle led by some of these people that have gone off to do other things.

They've suddenly acquired massive amounts of real estate on the Harbor and whatever else. I mean, we'll, we'll we see in the papers in, in years to come that the, you know, there was payments made by some of these pharmaceutical companies.

Look, I've got great confidence that these people will be eventually held to account.

Um, every single day, there is more evidence, there is some other, uh, medical expert or making some comments. Uh, there's a new study released that shows how wrong they were. It is all one way traffic. And I think you've basically got, I'll say, three groups of people. You've got those that said no to the vaccine, And they're pretty cranky because they were ostracized from society and suffered a lot and they're, they're really cranky and they, they want no amnesties.

They want, they want,

you know,

there's no, they don't want to take any prisoners, right? You've got a second group that were forced to mandate the shot and had to do so because they had no choice. Plus they had family to support and they had businesses to keep alive and they had mortgages to pay. And they are now very angry because they realize what that, what was actually done to them.

They were forced to inject a substance that was not safe and was not effective. And it was, and they were basically, their human rights were abused and they are pissed and cranky. And you would, a third group of people that, you know, so listen to the government and thought they were doing the right thing and, and lined up, uh, you know, And under the pretense that they were told it was safe and effective right now for that group, it's human nature not to want to admit that you have made a terrible, catastrophic mistake that may have harmed your health.

It's just human nature. You don't want to admit that. Right.

And

you know, but more and more of those people are realizing that they were tricked and they were lied to. And they're openly admitting that that's the case. And that number is growing all the time. Now, soon as the first group and the second group and enough of that third group hit 50 percent plus one, you watch this whole thing will come this whole charade, this whole COVID cult and COVID mafia will be held to account and there will be no amnesty.

Right. What are your thoughts on government reliance on, uh, on private funding from corporate investors? I mean, we've seen. We've seen Twiggy Forrest come out making grand statements about green hydrogen and, and, uh, Albanese and, and Bowen sort of lording him and we've got this covered and they're doing a massive backflip on that now.

You know, forget it. We got it wrong. It's not going to work. I mean, do you think government is, have we gone too far down the privatization route? Should we be more, should we be looking after our own infrastructure ourselves?

Firstly, it depends on the circumstances. Where there is a natural monopoly, the government should not sell those, sell those roads down.

The one, the great thing is, well, the electricity transmission lines. Why would you sell the electricity transmission lines? It's a pure monopoly, and all that's done is they sell it off. They guarantee the price and rate of return that they can get. That just means consumers pay more, so the government sells it off.

They get a big short term windfall, which they go round and spend to help get themselves reelected in the short term, but the consumers pay for that for decades to come. This is, this is the nonsense of it. And just on, um, this green hydrogen, it was always a nonsense, the, the, the technical issues of getting green hydrogen.

So we've got hydrogen, there's a hydrogen industry at the moment. And basically you get the, you basically get the water, you put the electricity current through it, right? Which the electricity current comes from your coal fired power stations, splits the hydrogen, splits the, uh, splits the hydrogens, which was your H₂O and your oxygen.

splits that apart and gives you the hydrogen gas, which has certain commercial uses. Now, the entire net zero nonsense is under the delusion that you could replace gas with so called green hydrogen. So what the idea was that you'd have all this excess solar and wind power. You would use that to create the hydrogen.

gas, then you would use that gas at times when the wind doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine. And you would also use that in, um, if you made a transport as well. Now, the problem with that is that the cost of doing that green hydrogen is about four times higher than what the price of gas is. So it's completely economically unviable.

So unless you come up with some great technologically breakthrough, you're looking at four times the price, which doesn't stand up and then with hydrogen, you've got the difficulty of transporting the stuff, right? It's, it's so much, uh, physically larger in size. I think that the numbers were, if you, if you're transporting, say, a petrol tanker to a petrol station, right.

You would need, I think it's four, six tankers. To substitute for one liquid fuel tanker, because it's so much more, you can't compress it like you can the gas. And then you've got all sorts of problems with the, uh, the pipelines. You can't use the existing gas pipelines to transport hydrogen. You have to put a completely new network of pipelines because there's issues with the hydrogen affecting all the rubber gaskets about how you move it.

There's safety issues. There are just so many technical problems. The idea, you know, that the That we could be this world leader in hydrogen and renewable energy superpower, exporting hydrogen to work. It was a fantasy. It was a fairy tale and forest is, you know, the forest has done a great deal on his, um, uh, iron ore, right?

He took that, he gambled on that and was successful, but that doesn't make him an expert in other areas. That's one thing I've found about my life that people have often been very successful in one business, uh, you know, through a combination of hard work, but also good luck. I think all of a sudden they, they're a genius in every business.

Industry. You're talking about

anyone in particular there, Craig?

Oh, well, Forrest, he had no expertise whatsoever in hydrogen. He thought he was, you know, looking, I'd say congratulations on his, his, uh, his iron ore ventures, very successful, but that doesn't make him an expert in other areas. And he's, he's quickly realized, remember they, they had this grand plan to build this solar power plant.

panels in the Northern Territory and transport the electricity to, uh, through on, on, on cables through to Singapore. Remember that great idea they had? Like it was anyone that with anyone that looked at it, that understood how it worked, just laughed at it. And yet this was this great idea that was faded in the media.

It was the same with hydrogen. Now that, as I said, the whole net zero nonsense that we have is premised that we can replace gas with hydrogen, green hydrogen. Now, if you can't, if you're still going to have gas, you might as well still have coal. So it just, it's not only that the hydrogen doesn't work, it undermines the whole basis of this net zero nonsense.

And it was always the technical difficulties that had to overcome. So there was the economic difficulties and the technical difficulties. The forest was probably finally, uh, sat down and worked it out in his mind, said, man, I'm going to chance of making this work. So he pulled the pin, of course, you know, he'll still make some noise about how he was right.

You know, they'll keep going and keep some government subsidies flying through to me. But the thing is, it just ain't going to work. And we weren't the only country in the world that was trying to do this green hydrogen. Other countries were trying to do it as well. So the idea that we would have had some a great, uh, you know, economic competitive advantage in green hydrogen was absolutely just complete and utter delusional nonsense.

I want to try, uh, later on, maybe get someone like John Ruddock on, uh, to talk about the, uh, the, the upcoming council elections, but what's your take on that? You know, uh, do you think they'll push the 15 minute cities or obviously Albania is going to be watching very closely what happens with the labor?

We're not far away. Are we?

Look, unfortunately we've seen, um, uh, you know, these councils all throughout the country go. Completely and utterly woke nonsense was the, you know, it was just par for the course, uh, uh, you know, rainbow flags and, uh, you know, sorry days and, uh, you know, just a banning of, you know, it was the council's banning meeting.

I wanted to boycott Australia day and all this stuff, but that's, local council should be about, you know, uh, uh, looking after the collect on the rubbish. All right, uh, keeping the zonings, uh, correct for what they are and looking after the local roads and the sporting fields. That's, that's, that should be their job.

Not get involved in all these politics. We found them. Now, over recent years, these local councils have been infested with these Greens, are infested with the far, far left of the Labour Party. So look, I, I think the, uh, you know, the Libertarians here in New South Wales doing a wonderful job here, but they're going to run under the, what get woke out of local councils, I think is the, uh, I think, I think is the, what they're going to run under.

Uh, you know, that's, I think that's a lot of people will support because people are just sick to the back teeth. of this wokeness that's been pushed upon them all the time, especially at the local council level.

Putting the Teals and the Greens to one side at the moment, how do you see the major parties shaping up in the next federal election?

Who do you see as Someone that needs to be watched.

Oh, look, it's, um,

uh,

I would hope that, uh, you know, I'd hope that One Nation would have a, uh, a good, strong showing. Um, you need, um, look, the coalition has shown over the last couple of years, over the last couple of decades, right, since they booted Tony Abbott out, that they have moved significantly, uh, to the left.

Uh, they've adopted a lot of green. work policies. Uh, there's very few on that coalition that will actually get in there and fight on principle. Uh, it's this policy of appeasement. We've seen this in Victoria and we've seen Basically Victoria destroyed because you've had a labor government after labor government, the labor government that the coalition wouldn't take them on.

Now you've got to have, they've got to have some spine and some backbone and the best way for that to happen, the best way to get some strength in the liberal party is to have some like real conservative politicians in there. Uh, you know, either from minor parties or the independents that are actually going to get them to hold them.

Now, now Senator Babbitt's doing a great job. Uh, down there in Canberra. I saw today, he's called for the E Safety Commission to be sacked. Now, the way that woman went on the other night was just absurd. She should be sacked. But you had Dutton the other day in Parliament saying, Oh, she's a wonderful public servant.

You know, she's one of the finest public servants. You need to say, hang on a minute.

Yeah. I

should say you're completely out of control. Your ideological views on free speech are completely contrary to what we believe in in the coalition party. Right. And if we come to office on day one, we'll be giving you what they call don't come Mondays to the thing.

Right. And we'll ask you to clean your desk out. That's, that's what the public, you know, I know whenever I post anything about the East Safety Commissioner on my page, it goes, it goes off the charts because people can't stand this woman. They can't stand the idea that she's going to tell Australians about what we can and cannot watch.

Well, Tucker Carlson at that, uh, uh, lunch in Canberra, speaking to those, uh, lefty journalists, was a perfect example of how leaders should handle. Uh, that's right. And, and morons in, in bureaucratic positions like, yeah. You know, that's how they should be. Well, this, this was

also outside the culture. The coalition thought that they were nice to the A, B, C, that the A, b, C would be nice back to them.

And if we give the A, b, C some more money, they will, they will write nice articles about it. Right. And I remember you remember Tony Abbott, he said, Oh, no cuts. And that was one of Tony's great mistakes. And the last thing he said, no cuts to the ABC, no cuts to the SBS. He should have said, you know what? I'm going to take to the joint with a, with a chainsaw.

Like Millie did in, uh, in America. He said, he said the waste and mismanagement and the political bias at the ABC is completely unsatisfactory. And if I'm elected, we'll, we're taken to the place with a chainsaw and the public would have gone. Yes, Tony. Yes.

Yeah.

But instead. He tried to appease them and say, Oh, you know, cuts to the ABC.

And of course, then when he went back, like, yeah, he took away 10 cents from him and I screamed and screamed and saw he's misled, he's misled the public. You know, it just shows you, you've got to take, uh, you know, your opponents on, you've got to have some backbone in politics and you've got to call this stuff out, this appeasement, what did Churchill say?

Yeah. And appeaser is the, the one that feeds the crocodile, hoping to be eaten last.

And that's what all of my

culture. Look at the typical, all my college and colleagues that lost their seats to the teals. They were the ones that were weak and soft and green on all the climate stuff, right? Which made it, made it easy for the teals.

Instead of standing up and going, this stuff is all bullshit. We're not going to use money. We're going to waste it. We're going to destroy our competitive advantage. We're going to put electricity prices up and it's not going to change the weather. All right. And, and, and put some facts on the table and argue it firmly.

It said they were the ones that are appeasing the green crocodile and all of them lost their seats.

Yeah. And then you've got oxygen thieves like this, uh, Birmingham. Uh, I mean, bad income. I mean,

What can you say? He was over there. I mean, there's a picture of him there over with, uh, you know, was it, uh, you know, uh, Penny over there in Tuvalu or something, you know, sort of crying with it, you know, uh, giving the Tuvaluans, you know, the Tuvaluans are, you know, they're, they're, they're smart. They're, they're, you know, fools.

They're a politician. How can we get money out of these dumb Aussies? You know, let's cry, let's cry, you know, cry climate change and let's take them to some place where there's a bit of erosion and show them kids, you know, and tell them, oh yeah, they used to be, you know, we used to be able to go out there, but now the sea levels have risen up.

The peer reviewed science, multiple peer reviewed studies show Tuvalu is increasing in size, something like they got something like 27 hectares more in size. And what they had 20 years ago. So the, the two loans are just calling us and you're Birmingham over there. They're in like the, put the Hawaiian t shirt on and the lay around their heads.

So that the, you know, and hand over the tens of millions of dollars of Australian tax payment. We can quite fake. I just, I just, I just, I just look at it, you know, but just, just shaking their head.

10, 000 immigrants a week coming into Australia, Craig. Well, we've got 2 million people who are homeless in this country.

Yeah. Firstly, just some

numbers on this, okay? Well, I left on the, uh, that 1980, when I think it was, right? So between about the early, uh, 1980s and about 2004, we averaged a net migration intake of a hundred thousand people. And that I believe is what built up the great Australia that I grew up in. Right. Uh, you know, we had people from, uh, you know, Vietnam.

I come in that many of them have made great citizens. We have people from all over the world. It was a hundred thousand a year. It was a migration rate that, uh, you know, it was, it was a sustainable rate. Okay. Then in 2004, Howard decided to kick that up to about 250, 000. He doubled it. And that's when we started to see a lot of problems.

In our society with, with, with the vision, with suburbs being, you know, sort of cordoned off, um, a complete, uh, you know, uh, change in, in the shopfronts of, of, of many areas. And then Albanese has come in and he's taken the 250 to half a million. Yeah. So we had, in fact, it was the month of February this year, the net number was 105,000.

Thank you. In the month of the short month of February, which was 28 days, right? That was more than the average we'd had for an entire year between that period, 1980 to 2004. So the numbers are completely and utterly off the charts. It's not that we are against and people say, Oh, you're against the migrants.

No, no. The people that are most affected by this million people that have come in are migrants that have come in in recent years. Because they've come in, they've migrated to this country and they've looked at it and they've worked out what the house prices are and how many years they'd have to work before they can afford to buy a house and, you know, all these things and what the cost of living was, right?

All those calculations those migrants have done are all being blown out the water because of these hundred, because there's a million people that Albanese is born into the country. Now the thing is, why has he, has he done this? No, the reason is because our GDP per capita, he needs to try and increase the demand in the economy to increase GDP overall.

So I can show that the economy is not going into recession because on a per capita basis, that's. Everyone's size slice of the pie, the size of your slice of the pie is shrinking under Albany's because of all these nonsense climate policies that are going in. So as that goes backwards, the only way you can fix it up to make sure the overall economy is growing is to import a million people.

And it's the same way. Do you want to grow the Australian economy? How about we like annex Papua New Guinea? That makes the economy bigger, but because the place is so small, it makes everyone's size of the place more. So it is complete, uh, economic recklessness that has done it right now. And, but to do it at a time where we've got a housing crisis, you know, and then, which for many reasons, uh, uh, again, the planning laws, you know, uh, the CFME pushing up costs of construction, uh, a whole lot of things.

Uh, we simply, and, and the numbers, you can't simply build that many houses. But there's, there's a limit on what the economy houses can construct. So to bring that people in, it's the basic laws of supply and demand, rents and housing prices have gone through the roof. And what that's done, I think one of the great look at all of the terrible things that we've done in this country over recent years, one of the worst is what we've done to housing prices.

Because

what we've done, we've, we've made it for an entire generation of young Australians. We have destroyed the great Australian dream of home ownership. That is such an important, fundamental aspect of our country that every citizen, if you worked and you had an average job, right, and you worked hard.

That you had a chance to own your own little piece of this country. That was what Menzies understood that you became, what are you talking about? The home's material about why it was so important. You own your little piece of the world with your garden and your, your backyard and your garden, that's yours, that you, you know, that you own, and that's what you belong in there, that is what it is when you have that.

In society, it becomes an encouragement for, uh, sobriety. It becomes an encouragement for work and investment and saving. Um, and for, and for family growth, this is the family home where you have kids and the kids play in the back garden, right? That's the fundamental basis of one of the great structures of our society.

Now we throw that that's, that's been destroyed in a couple of years. So we've now got an entire generation of young Australians. The thing about finding my own house and I go look at the numbers. No chance you get what

the average price in Sydney is. What 1. 4, 1. 5, 1. 6 million. So I do the same rule. I'll get a basic place for a million bucks.

I've got to have 200, 000, 20 percent deposit. How many years will it take me to write, to say 200 grand. And then they've got to borrow aid, but they're not, they just look at the numbers, can't do it. So they give up and when you get, when you give up on the dream of home ownership, it changed your whole outlook of life.

Why bother? So why bother saving for a house and saving for your mortgage? Just go to the pub on a Friday night, get on the grog, you know, buy a few ecchi pills or something. And have to have a good time. The government will look after me. I'm never going to, it changes your society in such a detrimental way.

That's where

everyone's a renter. It really, you know, and we've done this in a few short years. Yeah, it just makes it really, you know, I despair for what we have done this and that that should be, you know, we tried that at the last election campaign and we said we, our, our goal was, you know, we want to restore that great Australian dream to Australians, right?

Then we had, we had plans to do it. We want to, you can do it. You, you don't do it, but you can't deflate the existing house prices already in the city because that causes more problems. You've got to strengthen your regional areas. I went down to Chinook when I saw you guys, you know, what a great little country town that is.

You've got to make, you've got to have the jobs. If you get the jobs that you've got, I'll be moving every government bureaucracy out of Canberra and out of Sydney and out of Melbourne, out of Brisbane, right? That's the reason these bureaucracies today need to be in the capital city, move them out to the regional areas.

Find a plot, find a block of land on the outskirts of town, find a builder mate, you want to build it, work the, work it out, you know, you build an office, we need an officer, 50 people, 100 people, 200 people, and, and they, and people start moving to town, and we'll relocate out of the city, and all of a sudden you create this upward prosperity in that town, and you've got the blocks of land that are farmer, form of farmland, that you can, you can carve off, and open up, open up that land.

That's what we should be doing. We should be building fast, working on fast transport link. So rather than building wasting this money on transmission lines, we should be aiming to build the best possible roads we can. So you can increase the speed on the roads. So the distances between A and B in Sydney and these other towns are short.

They're the things that we should, we should be trying to do. But instead, you know, you know, if you look at the waste on this, this net, it gets me this waste on this net zero stuff. Imagine if those that money that's going to be spent plan to be spent with some what 20 billion on snowy 2. 0 and remember snowy 2.

0 doesn't create any electricity it destroys electricity you're gonna pump you're gonna pump the water up the hill And then you lose 50 percent of it to create the electricity down the hill. It destroys energy. You've got what, uh, hundreds of billions of dollars on new transmission lines. We're going to spend the hook, these wind farms up, which we just built just replaced that.

So imagine if you had all those hundreds of billions of dollars that we spent and say, you know what, we're going to take that, I'm going to put that in into infrastructure in this country. In better roads, in better rail, in better airport links, in better hospitals. Could you imagine what a, what a better and prosperous place Australia would be?

And if we sacked

half the bureaucrats, it'd be even better. That's right. Look, you know, don't,

don't, don't, don't get

me started. You always bring a great deal of common sense to our conversations. It's great to have you, you know, and, and, uh, we were blessed to have Tony Abbott on the program about six months ago.

And, uh, Yeah, he was quite frank and open with us too. He said that, you know, the government's reaction to COVID was grotesque. Um, you know, it's really great that we're able to bring these conversations to people. There's so many people now who are just switching off from the ABC and other news sources because they just realize it's garbage and, and they're looking for common sense, which is not very common anymore.

So, On behalf of all our viewers, I want to thank you for making yourself readily available. Whenever we call you, you're there. Um, I wanted to talk to you about your political future, where you see you going, but we're, we're running out of time. But, uh, Johnny, final comments before I close with a prayer.

Well, only, uh, you're not likely to see Alison Langdon interviewing you on Club Jogby, uh.

I'm still waiting. I check the mail every day, see if there's an apology. I think, ah, very good. Come up over there.

And if it, if there was an apology, it'd be written by somebody else. It wouldn't be written by her anyway.

Look, it it. Well look just, just quickly. I know, but one thing I say, at least they were able to interview me.

At least I could hold my hands up and push back. Right? Yeah. After that, I couldn't get on any program. No one would interview us. I was completely shut out. Sky News wouldn't interview me. A, b, C would interview me. None of the other programs would get back on. I couldn't back on Channel nine because they know I could push back with facts and data.

And this is the problem. This is the big problem in this country. We're not having the real debates that we should have. Absolutely.

Absolutely. All right. You don't mind. I'll close with a prayer. Go ahead. Father in heaven, we just thank you so much for authenticity and honesty. Father God, we may not all agree.

Some of our viewers may not agree with what they've heard here tonight, but you know what? We still live in a democratic country, Lord. And we just pray that you will bring that country back to its feet from its. It's knees of over, over government. And, um, and the way that we've all been treated in the last few years has been deplorable father God.

So we just thank you that ultimately is still in control. And we ask you to bless the efforts of people like Craig Kelly and others who are striving to bring government to account. And we ask all this in Jesus. Holy night. Amen. Amen. All right, Johnny, you've often been had to say. You just couldn't make this stuff up.

You couldn't make this stuff up and stay out of the trees. It look, I've got to ask you, Craig, just one sentence. What's your political, how do you see your political future for the next couple of years? What do you think? Oh,

look, I hope that, um, uh, you know, I hope I could get a cracker to get back in the Senate.

I would love to get on those Senate committees where I get to cross examine all those bureaucrats, from the Bureau of Meteorology to the ABS, you know, to the, especially our friends at the TGA sort of thing, you know. I would love to get, I'd love to get them in those committees that we had control of and just get them and to build them with the facts of the thing.

That's one thing I would love to do.

We'd love you to do that too, mate, without a doubt. And you've always got a platform here. We thank you for coming on to Club Grubbery and for remember everybody, what you did yesterday got you to today. We still live in a great country because you live in it. God bless you all.

And we'll see you back on Club Grubbery very, very soon. Bye for now.