



BALLIEUGATE 5

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Liberal grass root activists voice their displeasure. It is of interest to note that the Liberal party has taken upon itself to conduct a "witch Hunt" in order to deflect the damage by the BaillieuGate leaked tape. Visit <http://abalinx.com/> for more information.

This is truly a sad state of affairs and one wonders whether it has been designed to deflect away from real issues facing the Liberal party. The damage and disunity caused by Ted Baillieu's comments about his parliamentary colleagues has been cleverly sidetracked amidst a cloud of supporters who have created an environment of sympathy for his outspoken and unwarranted remarks against his colleagues. This not the first time that such matters have been leaked. See below for further details on ABC with Ted Baillieu.

Good bloke, but! Ted Baillieu may be a good and compassionate bloke and I like him as a person, but the fact of the matter is that his comments have worried the Liberal party hierarchy as well as that of his parliamentary colleagues. Maybe the leaked tape was in revenge against those who had undermined Ted Baillieu in the 2008, the answer to this question is slowly beginning to unravel. To understand some of the background we need to revisit an only discussion on the ABC with Ted Baillieu. See below for further details.

The online weasels. The introduction of our law enforcement agencies to ferret out the 'weasel' within the Liberal party is a good example of heading towards the wrong direction. See below an extract from the Herald Sun. On the other hand the Liberal party should take a leaf out the labor party's attempts to deflect and diffuse potential future problems arising from their dealings with the unions. This attempt by the labor party has merit and can be seen as clearing the decks so to speak and thus disabling Denis Napthine's attacks on labor during the state election. Clever move but will it be sufficient to bring Labor over the Line? See below Labours attempt to deflect their domestic and in-house issues.

I am of the opinion that they were hoping to report to the party faithful at the recent State Assembly that they had found the 'weasel'. Had they found the 'weasel', it would be a political and strategic coup on their part as it would indicate that they were in control of the situation and that it would be a good lesson for others contemplating on taking such a negative course of action. We as a party now need to concentrate all of our resources in order to win the next state election and not look for scapegoats or conduct witch hunts. The weasel and/or weasels involved will sooner or later be exposed.

Lynch mob mentality. Putting aside who is responsible for the moment, the current Liberal Party management team are but a witch hunt posse intent on identifying and chasing an unknown and alleged political tape (leaked) rustler. The utilisation of our law enforcement agencies to do their work is a waste of Police resources and should be reconsidered in light of the State election. This is lynch mob mentality is not the way to go but they are baying for blood and are using behavioural tactics to weed out the 'weasel'. It is my opinion that they do not care who it is other than to pin it on some who has been and still is a thorn in their side.

Federal Minister under attack. Other Liberal sources are indicating that it's a deliberate attempt to undermine a Victorian Federal Minister because they are of the belief that the Federal Minister is a barrier to their long term plans and their domino theory has not worked as expected at the federal level. It is no secret that Tony Abbott the Prime Minister does not need Victoria to retain power and yet he will be compelled to step in and support for the Federal Minister currently under attack by recalcitrant parliamentarians and 'wannabe' ministers at the next Federal election. Potential scenarios and who is behind it all will be published at the next BAILLEUGATE 5 article now been researched and compiled.

Grass root revelations. There are many within the Liberal party management team that take the grass roots for granted and as such fail to capture and utilise their strengths and develop those that require support for the greater good of the individual and that of the party. This philosophy is not a new one as it has been used throughout the ages to bring out the best in individuals and communities.



<https://soundcloud.com/user999733695/tomazin-baillieu-leaking-audio>
The 'Texters' and 'Leakers' .

In light of the texting and leaking of the BaillieuGate tape, the grassroots are often told by the hierarchy that it is inappropriate to text and pass on information to the detriment of the Liberal Party and yet these same people have been named in the main media as being the "Leakers" to the press. One asks, as to who is calling the kettle black now in the wake of the Liberal party management team 'Witch Hunt'. We often hear of individuals given jobs once they have lost their seats because of their own stupidity and not catering or looking after their Liberal party members at the grass roots. We also often hear of individuals being given jobs when clearly they belonged to other political parties in the past. (Political parties such as Labor and Greens.)

Skeleton exposures. Members within the Liberal party have long memories and have retained over the years the whereabouts many "Dead bodies", "skeletons" and misbehaviour of those seeking Liberal party leadership and/or nomination. We can begin by questioning those who hold office now and who are supposed to represent the people. We are the people. Others who have leadership aspirations have recently been noted for denigrating Liberal party members based on misinformation and sycophant advice. There is no such thing as a safe seat, mainly because Liberals work hard in each electorate to support their sitting members.

Misuse of electorate resources. Geoff Shaw is not the only member to have misused his electorate resources and one wonders whether he has been made the scapegoat to hide the nefarious activities of others who operate under the parliamentary umbrella. What about those electoral offices that misuse their offices to spread misinformation, bar their constituents from entering their offices and being rude to the constituents. Misuse funds for activities not related to their office. Where is our integrity. The Victorian Liberal Western, Northern and Eastern lower or Upper house seats will be worth monitoring. There are a number of dominoes to fall, should they fall that is before others make their moves.

Imported misinformation programs. It has come to our attention that free products are being distributed throughout the Victorian region. These free products happen to arrive on the doorstep of individuals who were celebrating. Recipients though surprised and delighted at the surprise gift were at odds to fathom where their personal information was garnered from. One can only gather it was from Facebook material that the information was gathered and/or illegal use of Liberal Party Members lists. Complete lists of members is only open to a few and select members of the Liberal Party hierarchy.

Misuse of new communities and new cultures. Whatever the case may be. Such unwarranted attacks on loyal and long standing Liberals will no longer be tolerated and action is now being taken to eradicate such recalcitrant individuals from Liberal party midst. No longer will new communities and new cultures be seduced by the honey words of these people. No longer will the new communities be looked upon as cash cows. Although I have discussed previously, I am still of the belief that new communities should not be looked upon as second class citizens and used for their manpower resources.

Electorates neglected. Sitting members on both sides of politics have lost their seats because they neglected their own grass roots members. Sitting members are the origin of much angst amongst the grass roots who loyal work hard to maintain the status quo and serve the people in their region. We who are the silent few will no longer put up with such character assassinations and will expose all those who fail to support the grass roots. Wisdom and freedom of speech has always come at a price and we at the grassroots have long memories.

Character assassination. Is it a wonder then that Liberals are overwhelmed by the misinformation, rhetoric and character assassination of individuals who dare stand up for what were once conservative values that the Liberal party once stood for. We appear to be inheriting negative values from recalcitrant and selfish individuals who have much to answer for the remarks they make about others. They will soon be exposed.

Masks behind the masks. We often hear of members joining the Party espousing Liberal party ideology. Then once they have gained level of acceptance their true colours come through. They hide behind Multicultural banners holding various positions within the Party and spreading vile and malicious misinformation to bring down, reduce and/or denigrate individuals who have served the Liberal party in many capacities.

New and diverse communities. We also have those who hide behind racist labels using "Multiculturalism" as a mask and means of hiding their racist views. These members will be exposed over the next 18 months. We have sitting members and Senators who "use" new communities as cash cows and potential sources of revenue with odious promises of "safe seats". Don't underestimate the value of new cultures and their communities. We need to embrace them within the Liberal Party and assist them towards strengthen the fabric of this society.

Courage to stand up and be counted. As Harold Eather, a dear and departed friend and mentor would always say, 'don't be afraid to stand up and be counted for there are many who don't have the courage. Never feel intimidated or overawed we also got lessons that he would pass onto young like myself many years ago. It is only a few who have the tenacity to stand up and be counted. It is always the few who stand up and tell it how it is. Where are the voices of Jeff Kennet's, the Henry Boltes', The Peter Costellos', the Michael Krogers', who were not afraid to stand up and say what was on their mind. The "so called new young Turks" of our age have lost their way and their minds are full of political ambitions way beyond their capabilities.

Diplomacy versus Janus. Janus was a Roman God that had two faces and I am of the opinion that his followers have come down through the ages in the form of Sheep in wolf's clothing. It's time we began to clean out this nefarious hornet's nest of recalcitrant individuals. We in the trenches who make up the bulk of the Liberal party membership and are the grassroots and soul of the Liberal party need to rise up, coordinate and join hands with those who see the integrity of the Liberal party being decimated piece by piece.

A deaf ear to grass root concerns. We find that we have our sitting members sitting in "court" listening, taking advice and having their photographs taken with these former no Liberals. At one state MP's office there was an elderly action group that sat in the offices of one sitting member waiting to speak with him. They were left sitting in the foyer and with the blinds open so that the heat of the sun would bear down on the elderly couple in order to make it uncomfortable for them and thus leave. What a disgrace.

Parliamentary leakers and staffers. What action will the Liberal Party management team take to eradicate and discipline parliamentary members who consistently flout their position. Take for example on staffer secretly recording one Senator and relaying the information back to another Senator. The Senator in this case was briefing a delegation from Victoria as part of their role and the briefing was misused, twisted and given a new interpretation. Although this staffer was sacked when it was brought to the attention of the receiving Senator, tis same staffer soon found himself being relocated to an upper house member, only to be relocated again when his nefarious activities were brought to the upper House members attention. Now that same staffer is apparently working for another Senator. What a joke and a mockery of our system.

Bullies and standover merchants. These same sitting members who are closely related through personal and political relationships and use such words effectively to reduce or isolate those who have the courage to stand up against these bullies. Should they be exposed? Should those members responsible for bringing down one of our Senators be exposed. Take for example those member's who brought down Ted Ballieu, they do have a lot to answer for. Those members who continuously work against Liberal Party ethos and values should have their activities curtailed and spoken to that it's against Liberal values need to take a hike.

Now with the leaked Baillieu tape we at the grassroots wonder who is really behind the leaked tape and whatever are their long term objectives. There are scenarios that were discussed in BaillieuGate 4 but it is believed that there are additional scenarios to be exposed and these will soon be published as they come to hand. It is my opinion that non performing parliamentary members should retire as soon as possible and allow others to take on the responsibility before they too are removed as an embarrassment. The new generation shows great promise, and require support to take on the reins of government in the future. Therefore its always best to arm them with the knowledge, skills and wisdom to move forward with gusto and confidence.

Broken reforms. What happened to the reforms we were promised in the Liberal Party. The reforms that were to bring in change, reforms that were to stop the factions, reforms that will make it easier for all grass roots members to participate. What utter drivel and a waste of good manpower , political skills and corporate knowledge. For many of us who joined the Liberal party it was to retain a way of life according to Liberal party ethos and values, not for social interaction or entertainment.

2014 State election resources. We are in such serious danger of losing the next State election that we don't know which way to turn. So serious is this fact that everyone is looking after their own interests and not that of the Liberal party and its members at the grass roots level. We don't have much time to reverse the negativity that is eating away at the soul of the liberal party. We as Liberal Party members are all volunteers and we all charged with supporting and/or attending Party events in order to raise funds in order that they are redirected towards winning elections.

Leading by negative example. Others were caught red handed sending emails and denigrating Senators using Government offices and offices. They don't get sacked at all but are transferred or removed to other members offices. What a joke and a stain on our integrity, Liberal ethos and values. What about those who sit at the head tables observed to texting to their supporters during crucial election periods and the passing of misinformation about others to deflect any suspicion upon themselves. This has not gone noticed by the many who have long memories.

Denis Napthine. It will be not the fault of Denis Napthine if we lose the next election. He is doing a fine job in keeping the Liberal team together and one hopes that he can emulate Sir Henry Bolte from Meredith (Bless his soul). On the other hand there are the "puppy" hounds that are nipping at his heels undermining him with their long term goals and putting in electorates their family, friends and sycophants.

Liberal party president. Tony Snell and his management team should be concentrating all of their efforts on winning the State election and not seeking out for scapegoats that they can blame in the event we lose the State Election in late November. Grass roots members are voicing their opinions behind closed doors, reluctant to speak their mind and this is a worry as members should not feel complacent and afraid to speak against those who are seen as being indecisive and chasing popularism. Tony Snell needs to reappraise his position and lead by example in order that future generations aspiring for the top job have a role model to emulate.

State Director. The State Director, Damien Mantach should take up the cudgel and advise the Liberal party hierarchy of the dangers in conducting a "Witch Hunt" and to stop using much need resources at a time when they should be focusing on the State Election. Mind you Damien Mantach has a difficult role and keeping abreast of all the recalcitrant's is not his job or responsibility. His role is to manage and coordinate resources towards winning government, nothing more and nothing less.

Grass roots. The members in the electorate are looked upon as mere pawns and chess pieces to be used only when required and yet these same loyal Liberals, year after year always come out of hiding, retirement, shadows, background to help and support the Liberal party. Where is the acknowledgement, where is the thanks for their volunteer status. Over the years we have often seen individuals being burnt out because they were used unjustly and then discarded when the jobs are being distributed.

A bleak or a bright future? After years of Labor mismanagement and the eroding of the billions that were saved as a result of the John Howard/Peter Costello partnership and that of the Coalition, we need to move forward with confidence. Let us therefore put aside the petty political ambitions, the character assassinations and nefarious recalcitrant ideas and get on with the job of governing Victoria and Australia. We may be a conglomeration of many fabrics that is what make this country stand tall in the eyes of the world. We are after all Australians, united in our aspirations to become a great country. All previous BaillieuGate chronicles 1 to 4 may be found at: <http://abalinx.com/>



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CCTV TAKEN AS POLICE INVESTIGATE THEFT OF AGE RECORDER

James Campbell Herald Sun 5 July 2014. POLICE investigating the theft of a Fairfax reporter's Dictaphone have obtained. CCTV footage taken at the ALP state conference in May.

Late last month, The Sunday Age was embarrassed when a recording of an off-the-record conversation between Ted Baillieu and reporter Farrah Tomazin, in which the former premier disparaged his parliamentary colleagues, was leaked to Liberal MPs and party members. The recording was taken from a Dictaphone belonging to Tomazin, which disappeared in May. Premier Denis Naphine said there had been "rumours circulating" in state Parliament that the Dictaphone had disappeared at Labor's state conference.

Last week, detectives from Victoria Police contacted the Moonee Valley Racing Club asking for CCTV footage from the conference, which was held at the racecourse over the weekend of May 17-18. A Moonee Valley Racing Club spokesman confirmed the club had handed over footage to the police last week. Victoria Police spokeswoman Leonie Johnson refused to discuss the investigation. "Moonee Valley CIU are investigating a report of a theft of a Dictaphone from the bag of a victim while at a racecourse function in Moonee Valley in May," she said. "It would be inappropriate to comment further."

ALP state secretary Noah Carroll declined to comment on the investigation. Liberal Party officials are continuing to investigate who leaked the recording to party members. Liberal Party officials told the Herald Sun this week they remain convinced that the email that contained a link to a recording of the conversation was sent by a party member. A source said yesterday the party was confident it would find who was behind the email.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/law-order/cctv-taken-as-police-investigate-theft-of-age-recorder/story-fni0fee2-1226978307576>



ANDREWS DEFLECTS LABOUR MESS

THE AUSTRALIAN JULY 05, John Ferguson & Pia Akerman. BUILDING-UNION corruption allegations are seriously undermining Victorian Labor's run to the November 29 election, but leader Daniel Andrews refuses to take action to avoid political fallout.

Mr Andrews has defiantly refused to address corruption allegations and Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union state leader John Setka's long criminal history, amid fears of an internal ALP backlash that could affect his leadership. The CFMEU is a large Labor donor and is part of Mr Andrews's Socialist Left faction and will be the subject next week of inquiries by the royal commission into union governance and corruption. The hearings have coincided with a series of leaks alleging criminality by union members and a low-level ALP office-bearer.

Victorian Planning Minister Matthew Guy accused Labor yesterday of refusing to address the issue of union criminality. "This scandal is tickling the criminal underbelly of the ALP: this is complete chaos from Labor's side," Mr Guy said. But a national secretary of the union, Dave Noonan, has blasted the leaks and urged the royal commission to focus on its task. Mr Andrews, who opposes the commission, refused yesterday to back any action against the CFMEU before the commission's findings, not due until December 31, well after the election. "When the royal commission's work is finished every Victorian can be confident and should be in no doubt that I will have no hesitation in acting on any findings that the royal commission brings forward," he said.

"That's the appropriate way to act. These are serious matters. They need to be properly investigated." Mr Andrews deflected all questions about interim steps Labor might take to distance itself from the CFMEU and protect itself in the lead-up to the election. "I have no doubt that (Victorian Premier) Denis Napthine and his ministers will continue to try and focus on these issues because they certainly can't run on their own record," he said. Asked if Labor would return the union's donations if the commission found the union had acted corruptly, Mr Andrews declared such a position would pre-empt the commission's findings. He said he had not personally heard of Labor members seeking money for industrial peace as alleged.

Allegations against the CFMEU include that a \$50,000 payment was demanded by a Labor office-bearer in exchange for industrial peace, connections with bkie gangs and close relations with gangland standover man Mick Gatto. In a letter to royal commissioner Dyson Heydon, Mr Noonan referred to media reports attacking the CFMEU: "These events suggest that not only the subject of next week's commission hearings but the evidence itself has been leaked to the media. "Any such disclosure would be particularly outrageous when in March the ACTU wrote to you about the union movement's fears that there would be selective and unfair briefings of journalists by commission staff."

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/state-politics/andrews-deflects-labour-mess/story-e6frgczx-1226978305680>

VICTORIAN LIBERALS IN TURMOIL

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Broadcast: 15 May 2008 Natasha Johnson & Kerry O'Brien. A venomous internet campaign to de-stabilise Victorian Liberal leader, Ted Baillieu has resulted in four senior Liberal party executives being sacked or resigning.

TRANSCRIPT

KERRY O'BRIEN: Today is the 30th anniversary of the death of the founder and patriarch of the Liberal party, Sir Robert Menzies, but at the moment there is not much to celebrate. Not only are the Liberals in opposition around the country, but in Menzies' home State, Victoria, once considered the jewel in the Liberal crown, a factional feud centred on both State and Federal Liberals has revealed a rather nasty underbelly.

So far four senior Liberal party executives have been sacked or resigned as a result of a venomous internet campaign to de-stabilise Victorian Liberal leader Ted Baillieu. Some argue the vitriol is the latest chapter in the struggle for control of the Victorian Liberal party between those loyal to former Premier Jeff Kennett and supporters of Peter Costello and Michael Kroger. In any case the mud is flying and some may stick to the Federal party.

Natasha Johnson reports.
(Internet dial-up sound)

PAUL AUSTIN, STATE POLITICAL EDITOR, THE AGE: This is the home of the Liberal party. This is where Menzies created it after the war and it is in its deepest crisis since then.

NICK ECONOMOU, POLITICAL SCIENTIST, MONASH UNIVERSITY: The parliamentary wing of the party and the organisational wing are just not talking to each other. They're not coordinated, they're not working together. In fact they're working against each other.

NATASHA JOHNSON, REPORTER: Ted Baillieu went bush today to talk to politics students in Bendigo.

TED BAILLIEU, VICTORIAN LIBERAL PARTY LEADER: What's the biggest political issue in Victoria today?

NATASHA JOHNSON: The obvious answer - is Ted Baillieu.

TED BAILLIEU: I'm clearly disappointed and I'm outraged of the conduct of a few people in the party and I think right across the party that feeling is the same.

NATASHA JOHNSON: This latest crisis was triggered by revelations that former Federal campaign manager Simon Morgan and campaign unit researcher John Osborn ran anonymous internet blogs titled 'Ted Baillieu Must Go' that were constructed on computers at Liberal party headquarters.

The Liberal leader was variously described as

(Voice over)

"The red Ted", "a vile communist", "vacuous moron", "who stands for nothing", "as popular as paediatric cancer". And in a reference to his wealthy Myer family pedigree

(Voice over)

That "he's like Cottee's jam...because he's thick and rich".

PAUL AUSTIN: That's a shocking, smelly mess and I don't know why anyone would want to be part of it just at the moment.

NICK ECONOMOU: What is extraordinary about this is that this has all been committed to the computer, to the internet and traceable back to party head office.

NATASHA JOHNSON: It's laid bare a vicious rift between forces royal to the so called Michael Kroger, Peter Costello factional which dominates the organisational wing, versus those in the parliamentary party seen as being mainly in the camp of former Premier Jeff Kennett.

PAUL AUSTIN: The guys responsible for this blog were in short pants when the so called Kroger-Kennett factional divide first came to obvious public attention in the Victorian Liberal party. That was 20 plus years ago.

NATASHA JOHNSON: Both bloggers were sacked in April, but when the bile file was leaked Ted Baillieu seized the opportunity to purge the party of his critics.

TED BAILLIEU: This is not about factions, this is about fundamental basic treachery. We've had a small group of people, paid staff, campaigning against us, campaigning against Federal colleagues, campaigning against our candidates. That's simply unacceptable behaviour.

I'm not going to tolerate that.

PAUL AUSTIN: He could have said, I'm disappointed that this has happened, end of story. He didn't do that, he decided to pull on the mother of all fights in the Victorian Liberal party.

NATASHA JOHNSON: The scandal has already claimed three scalps and Victorian Liberal President, David Kemp has announced a wider investigation which could extend into State and Federal MPs' offices.

DAVID KEMP, VICTORIAN LIBERAL PARTY PRESIDENT: It simply can't be tolerated, it can't be allowed to go on.

NATASHA JOHNSON: The investigation will be carried out by incoming State director Tony Nutt, a former Howard government adviser who takes over next week.

NICK ECONOMOU: I'm wondering if perhaps this isn't a wonderful window of opportunity for the parliamentary leader to try and assert some control over the organisation.

NATASHA JOHNSON: If so, it's come back to bite him.

One of the bloggers released an email from a Baillieu supporter, Susan Chandler, in which she described a candidate as a "greedy f'ing Jew". Her resignation soon followed. The leaders' office is being investigated over allegations it leaked emails to the Age Newspaper's political editor, Paul Austin.

NEIL MITCHELL, 3AW RADIO PRESENTER: We've got detail on Fran Bailey, stupid, fat bitch, Louise Asher, dead weight, Petro Georgiou, waste of space. Malcolm Fraser, epitome of treachery. But the emails go on and on.

TED BAILLIEU: Neil, a lot of that information was on this website.

NEIL MITCHELL: There's a lot of it in the emails as well and you're not prepared to say whether you were aware these emails were being released?

TED BAILLIEU: I'm not going to get involved in the details of this investigation.

NEIL MITCHELL: Why not?

TED BAILLIEU: Because I'm not supposed to.

NEIL MITCHELL: It's not investigation, it's a matter of leaking.

NATASHA JOHNSON: In the background is the prized Liberal seat of Higgins currently occupied by Peter Costello. While he's yet to resign one of those jockeying for future preselection is outgoing State director Julian Sheezel, the boss of the two bloggers.

PAUL AUSTIN: And there are some people who are thinking that what's happened here is that the revelations of what was happening in Julian Sheezel's Liberal party head office in Melbourne will damage Julian Sheezel to the benefit of the other candidate for Higgins.

NATASHA JOHNSON: But the immediate focus is on Ted Baillieu. His detractors are furious, accusing him of turning an internal problem into a major political crisis by declaring war on his own party. A senior Liberal source has told the 7.30 Report its damaged Mr Baillieu's image and set the party back years. Some MPs are calling for an emergency party meeting, but the most likely alternative, Terry Mulder, has declared he supports the leader and Ted Baillieu is determined to hold onto the job.

TED BAILLIEU: Well, we're dealing with an issue and I will deal with it and the party organisation will deal with it and I look forward to getting to the bottom of it.

NICK ECONOMOU: In Western Australia there's a sexual scandal running, in New South Wales there are terrible factional divides and reverberations from the Lindsay pamphlet fiasco and in Queensland there's this debate going on about merging with the National party, which seems to be out of the Federal Liberal party's control as well.

The last thing they need is for the Victorians to suddenly implode like this.

<http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2007/s2246212.htm>