

The Factional wars are over

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Media or media personalities and those seeking power at the local, State or Federal level often delight in churning out material based on half truths and innuendos to revitalise factional brawls.

Electorates may be hotly contested at pre-selection time, but never at the expense of Liberal Party philosophies. The current so called Liberal Electoral Preselection Battles are merely candidates vying for influence and support in their respective electorates. There are no Kroger Costello or even Kennett supporters like in days of old, but the a new generation of youngsters vying the top spot in a preselection. Peter Costello has retired but is in the public arena, Jeff Kennett has retired and involved in community activities, and Michael Kroger has withdrawn from being politically active to one of a semi retired individual. However all three continue to support Liberal party causes.

All three members have supported the Liberal party cause at one time or another and do not deserve to have their names brought to the public arena. To be sure, there may be some who may reflect on the past and wish life was different and there are those who move on with life. Whatever the case maybe, it is not worth the problem to regurgitate old wounds or factions. Factions have no place in today's digital age as the public has had enough of political infighting and expect intelligent and worthwhile exchanges of political debate, after all that why they were elected. Michael Kroger, Peter Costello and Jeff Kennett should be left alone to enjoy their life, whatever that may be.

One hears from time to time the usual babble of galahs making their incessant noises amongst the air ways, flying in and out of meetings as to be seen as doing something significant, or better still there are those who drop names of well known personalities to highlight their importance in the political arena. Those who are long in the tooth and politically savvy, realize how insignificant the cohort of galahs really are. It is unfortunate that the those seeking power and influence fail to understand or comprehend that they are merely tools and pieces on a chess board to be used by masters of manipulation.

The Liberal Party is made up of members from across the board. It is false to believe that it is run by those born with a silver spoon or by men and women who have made it big in business or in their chosen field. The Labor Party is not all made up of unionists and socialists as they too have their conservatives who probably have more in common with their Liberal counterparts that we in the public are made to think. Those vying for a political job or are in a position of some political note so to speak come from humble backgrounds and have reached the pinnacle of their careers as a result of hard work and commitment to their philosophy.

Liberal Party members who delight in creaking waves hoping for a tsunami should reflect for a moment on their actions and consider whether it's in the interests of the Liberal party to carry on. Liberal party members should be seeking ways to bring back into the fold those recalcitrant members bent on making mischief and help Ted Baillieu the premier of Victoria to retain government.

One does not have to like the leader as long as the Liberal vision and philosophy remains at the helm of government in Victoria. Ted Baillieu had worked hard to become leader and is always been committed to Liberal Party causes, on minority and contentious issues. There are some who may not agree with Ted Baillieu decisions, but Liberals should learn to put aside their differences for the good of the Liberal party and work towards retaining government.

The above may appear tongue in cheek and high handed, but the truth of the matter is that Liberals in Victoria have no choice, but to stop the bickering in public and commit their energies to worthwhile projects that sustain and support a Liberal Government.

Having said all of the above, Julia Gillard the Prime Minister despite her unpopular policies and lack of public support must be admired for not giving up in the face of adversity and attempting to bring about some form of control within her own party. However, her comments recently are of interest as they differ in contrast to those made by Bill Kelty and others. Something is seriously amiss in the Labor Party that defies the wizardry of Labor spin doctors.

Unfortunately for Labor, the public has lost much ground and any attempts to revitalise the public interest in their policies is doomed to fail. Tony Abbott on the other hand who has a difficult role in reconciling the differences with his parliamentary colleagues is doing a marvellous job in keeping in tune with the public despite the many attempts of Labor to discredit him. Joe Hockey is becoming a wily politician by his comments on welfare and disability issues which put him at odds with his own colleagues and one wonders whether Joe Hockey is doing it deliberately to remove himself from his current portfolio when A liberal Government is power.

Having digressed enough from the main topic, we the public who observe our political managers ask ourselves, what does this all tell us, the person in on the pavement? At times the public must feel like sardines caught up with a drag net and dumped at the hold of a fishing trawler. We lying at the bottom of the ships hold looking up at the captain of the ship and hoping that he will be able to steer the ship to a safe port and out of the storm.

It tells us that those who are dependent on the Captain for their services should well remember not to rock the boat as any inappropriate actions may have a negative result on the steering of the ship by the Captain. Liberals Party members should therefore put aside their petty differences and support the leaders at the State and Federal levels and bring harmony that will can only result in a positive outcome.



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