

# BUDGET 2016 A SOCIETAL RE-ENGINEERING

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If the people of Australia needed a saviour then Scott Morrison has emerged as that saviour giving hope to the nation as a whole. Whether he comes as St George slaying the mighty Fiscal dragon is a matter of conjecture and for his demon opponents to counter. Whatever the case may be, Scott Morrison has introduced a very clever budget that appeals to the social conservative left while courting the conservative right in another direction. It is difficult to paint Morrison as modern day Robin Hood as the budget has something for everyone and yet does not satisfy all the financial hunger pains of the ordinary man in the street. Certainly the budget is one of hope, expertly delivered and worthy of Cicero himself when courting that ancient Roman Senate.

Scott Morrison was in his element and it was not long for the media jockeys to hit the air waves and sing his praises. Admittedly the labor financial hole that was discovered assisted Morrison in delivering a budget for the people and asking them to trust him and in doing so trust the Turnbull government in return. Malcolm Turnbull's popularity with the press has plummeted along with the nations expectations of Turn bull's innovative and creative ideas that appealed to the people in the first instance, but are now wondering whether Malcolm Turnbull did the right thing by replacing Tony Abbott. This budget has at first glance turned the political fortunes towards Malcolm favour and is now certain to return his government to power.

The budget therefore smiles compassionately upon Malcolm Turnbull and his efforts to bring about a return Government without the need for a double Dissolution. A deadly and precarious risky decision which is seen by many as brinkmanship of the highest order. Bringing the fortunes of the Liberal government to the edge of the abyss and strategically withdrawing to one of safety is certainly the makings of greatness. However the Double Dissolution also has the foundations of becoming a failure should the government return and find it has a hostile Senate. This scenario will certainly cause ripples within the Liberal ranks and lay the groundwork for a potential leadership coup.

Given that no serous deviation from the Abbott policies have emerge since the change in leadership, there are concerns within Liberal insiders that Malcolm Turnbull will eventually implode and bring about those same challenges faced during the Kevin Rudd and Julia Gillard years of instability, egos and grab for power. Political strategist at pains to demonstrate that there are no rifts between the progressives and the conservative right groups within the Liberal party and yet the fires are still smouldering quietly in the background.

The media have create the wrong and a false impression that Malcom Turnbull is being controlled by the conservative right and is unable to move forward with his own agenda. It an impression that the media have foisted upon an Australian public that is devoid of the true trappings of power and that a veil of deception has been placed over the public. This deception is further embellished by the courting of the Greens in order to create havoc and consternation amongst Labor's rank and file. A clever but risky move that stretches the imagination and loyalty of the Liberal party faithful. Loyalty according to Peter Costello is not rewarded, only success is and as such Liberal voter's loyalties will certainly be stretched to the limit given their dislike of the Greens political platform and ideological policies.

Australia at the moment needs a stable political government in order to facilitate its growth in a world that is continually mobile in areas such as industry, geopolitical security, regional influence, nation sovereignty and containment of resources. It requires external investment without the need of placing itself in a state of paralysis and destroying the nation's faith in its ability to steer through the international political quagmire of land and assets sales to foreign ownership. The Kidman and Port of Darwin assets come to mind.

Therefore this budget delivered by Scott Morrison is like giving the keys to parliament knowing full well that the election is yet to come. Again one must admire Malcolm Turnbull for his quiet diplomacy and behind the scenes manipulation of the power brokers and those who influence political outcomes. At this point in time I predict a return of the Malcolm Turnbull government with a reduced majority and a less than favourable Senate.

As always, my apologies for the poor grammar, punctuation and savagery of the English language. The views are my own and I can only but try to demonstrate some sanity in a world enveloped by inconsistencies and mythological environments create by political strategists and behaviourists.



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