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**"If you are not receiving our regular emails then please forward us your email address so we can keep you informed on issues as an when they happen."**

**United we stand — Divided we fail**

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**A GROUP OF RESIDENCE  
ARE STARTING A PROP-  
ERTY RIGHTS GROUP IN  
ALBANY. I WILL ADVISE  
WHEN THE FIRST PUBLIC  
MEETING WILL BE HELD.  
WATCH THE LOCAL MEDIA.**

## **New phone number**

**WAPRA Inc now has its own phone number with an answering machine for when I am not there.**

**New Phone 9316 4260**

## Where is the Scientific Evidence?

Why is it that when scientific evidence is asked for from the Government Departments it is confidential. Public stakeholder groups sign confidentiality clauses so that no one can find out about the Policy and then these public stakeholder groups are considered to be the public consultation period!

The Federal Government with bipartisan support, is prepared to shut down industry and farming in an attempt to appease the Emotive argument and going against scientific studies. Scientist David Evans BSc, BE-EE, MA, MS-EE, MS-Stat, PhD EE, consultant to the Australian Greenhouse Office from 1999 to 2005 in the Australian 18/7/08 stated that 'The greenhouse signature is missing' 'There is no evidence to support the idea that carbon emissions cause significant global warming. None'

The EPA act is based on the precautionary principle that they don't have to prove it may happen but if someone thinks it may, possibly, could be, one day, then we will prosecute or stop the use and enjoyment of land and water. No scientific evidence needed.

The EPA act has huge fines for breaches \$250, 000 to \$500,000 for 'environmental damage'. This could be the trimming of overhanging trees (as we saw in Esperance). Yet when the government declares your land Environmentally Sensitive, and Parks and Recreation, bush forever, etc and chooses that they may pay you something (they don't have to pay) then the value of the land is greatly reduced because of the environmental restrictions they have placed on the land. The valuers value the land as having no potential. If the environment is so precious and must be protected as all cost (they only lock up privately held land), then should the value not reflect the EPA Act fines? In England land holders of Environmental land are paid 150% of true market value by the Government because they believe that the Environmental land is worth more than land that can be developed. Our government locks it up and allows weed and feral predators in to destroy the native flora and fauna.

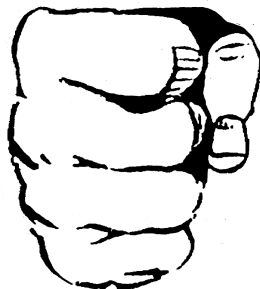


QUESTION EVERYTHING!  
ASK, ON WHAT BASIS OR  
EVIDENCE IS A DECISION  
BEING MADE ?

**BE WARNED !**

**ALL PROPERTIES  
THROUGHOUT THE  
STATE OF WA  
ARE UNDER  
ATTACK**

**YOUR PROPERTY IS  
UNDER THREAT  
FROM  
RESUMPTION,  
REZONING  
OR  
QUARANTINING**



**STOP THE  
LAND GRAB**

W A PROPERTY RIGHTS ASSOCIATION INC. CHARTER

- To reassert and clarify traditional rights of property ownership.
- To expose ways in which such rights are being diminished or lost.
- To detail the social and economic consequences of this loss.
- To formulate objectives designed to protect property rights.

PROPERTY

WAPRA Inc accepts a broad definition of *Property* both *Real* and *Personal*.

It is as concerned about issues of home burglary and car theft as it is of excessive property tax or the unjust use of planning regulations.

Changes to the present system require political will and influence, dependent on community support from as wide a base as possible.

WAPRA Inc therefore seeks the support of average citizens – not just from interest groups with investment in land and real estate.

Only by sound argument and political means can its objectives be realized. We must therefore address the broader spectrum of public concerns about Property Rights.

DEFINITION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS.

An outline of the common law basis of the WAPRA Inc Charter has been stated above.

In summary, WAPRA Inc asserts that all citizens have a right to own, use, enjoy and dispose of property (defined in its broadest sense), without undue interference by Government.

WAPRA Inc maintains :

- That all citizens ought be able to own, use and enjoy property
- That it is socially and economically **beneficial** for citizens to participate in the ownership of property.
- That the legal system **protect** the property of ordinary citizens, - not merely pay lip service to that principle.
- That government **encourage participation** in property ownership by ordinary citizens especially by moderating taxation and government charges.
- That bureaucrats be prevented by elected governments from **destroying common law** property rights of citizens.

## Political Gongs & Bouquets

WAPRA and other groups had a meeting and made submissions, to the WA Human Rights Charter and whilst Fred Chaney put it at No.7 on the Draft list the current Government seems to have dismissed it.

Lip service is paid but where it counts very little support is given, even after years of lobbying and contact with Members of Parliament.

While the balance of power is held by the Greens, honest science and common sense will continue to be ignored and emotive rhetoric will continue to govern this State.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### (acting) Chairman's Address

The nuts and bolts and dirty dishes of any organisation have to be done .....constantly. W.A.P.R.A. is no different. With our small budget we depend almost entirely on voluntary work. Mainly of course our general secretary/manager/jill-of-all trades Heather Dewar, who continues to be the driving force of W.A.P.R.A. Hats off to Heather and don't be too cross if she makes an occasional boobo.

We are steadily building our membership. We are frequently in touch with various politicians (with various results). We are constantly learning more & more of the tricks and traps of government and bureaucracy. We are helping and guiding our members as best we can when they get in touch with their problems.

In the not too distant future we are going to present the government with a surprise or two which we hope will cause a rethink of some of the onerous laws and regulations which are imposed on many of the citizens of W.A. and which are going to descend upon many more unless action is taken.

We need you to tell us what is happening to you. What impositions and injustices are being forced upon you. Remember it's the squeaky wheel that gets the grease. Don't suffer in silence. You have a much better chance if you make a fuss and reveal the dictatorial, arrogance that is being perpetrated in our state. The government hates its schemes to be revealed to the light of day.

We can do this if you tell us what is happening. You will get a better result if you fight back instead of cowering in silence which encourages them to go on ripping you off.

Give us a call.

Dan Leighton

**JOIN WAPRA !**

**"IT IS ESSENTIAL WE  
MAINTAIN A FIGHTING  
FUND TO EXPOSE THE  
DISCRIMINATORY LOSS  
OF PROPERTY RIGHTS.**

**BECOME A  
FINANCIAL MEMBER !**

**ARE GOVERNMENT  
REGULATIONS  
THREATENING THE  
OWNERSHIP, USE,  
AND ENJOYMENT  
OF YOUR  
PROPERTY ?**

**JOIN WAPRA !**



**"IF THEY DO IT TO A FEW  
THEN THEY CAN DO IT  
TO YOU"**

# What are Property Rights?

WAPRA Inc supports the traditional Western view of Property Rights. Simply, this maintains that individuals, groups, companies or trusts have the lawful right to **own, use, enjoy and dispose of property, without unreasonable imposition by government.**

## *1. The right to OWN*

Ownership of property must be genuine, exclusive and protected by title. To the extent that others can impinge on or abuse property with impunity, ownership becomes a valueless sinecure.

Owners must be able to enforce laws of trespass and to expect legal redress against theft, malicious damage or unfair seizure.

## *2. The right to USE*

Ownership is meaningless unless property can be put to proper use. Cars are of little benefit unless they may be driven. A farm is of little value if it cannot be used to produce a return on capital and labour.

Individuals desire to own property in order to gain some benefit, usually but not always, a commercial one.

## *3. The right to ENJOY*

The personal satisfaction derived from property ownership is a major motivational force in most economies. Such pleasure may be derived from the profitability, utility or security gained by ownership. It may also be satisfaction taken simply in owning something perceived as beautiful, for example, a painting.

Enjoyment of property is easily destroyed by unreasonable, capricious or arbitrary impositions by government. Excessive taxes, for example.

## *4. The right to DISPOSE*

Property owners ought be free to sell, gift or will assets without undue interference of the State. Excessive taxation paid as Death Duties was a source of serious economic and social damage.

**PROPERTY, GREAT AND SMALL, IS A PRINCIPAL SOURCE AND SUSTENANCE OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR.**