

Immediate Demands on current issues

The Communist Party of Australia (Marxist-Leninist) is striving to advance the demands of the Australian working class and working people at this current time. These immediate demands form a solid basis on which to build united struggle by wide sections of the people. We urge all comrades and friends to promote and support these demands during and beyond the election period.

Workers/union rights and democratic rights

- Empower workers with the right to strike!
Scrap the ABCC – Stop criminalising workers demanding decent wages and conditions. Drop charges against Ark Tribe
- Guarantee workplace rights!
Right to job security
Right to a safe workplace
Right to organise
Right to collective action
Right to union OH & S representatives
Right to full entitlements when companies fail

Environment

- Make the polluters pay!
Cap and tax carbon emissions – no “market solutions”
No pollution reduction costs passed on to the people
- Phase out coal!
Create clean power using renewable energy
Retrain workers for new clean, sustainable industries
- Water belongs to all – it’s not for trade or sale!
- No uranium mining – unsafe for workers, communities and humanity!

Manufacturing, jobs, resources tax

- Stop nation-wrecking by multinationals – nationalise and build the nation for the people!
- Regulate and control foreign investment - reject unequal “free trade” deals!
- Tax the profits of the mining monopolies! Keep the wealth in Australia!
- Develop renewable energy production!
Build clean, safe, sustainable manufacturing and value-adding industries
Improve services and amenities in mining communities and regional areas

Health, education, and livelihood

- Serve the people – no privatisation!
More and better public schools
More and better public hospitals
More and better public housing – implement rent controls
More and better public transport
More and better affordable community-run childcare centres
- Nationalise the banks!
Regulate interest rates
Cut bank fees
- More affordable private housing!
- Scrap Negative Gearing!
- Increase pensions and entitlements!

Aboriginal sovereignty and the ‘intervention’

- End the racist Intervention now - Aboriginal control of Aboriginal affairs!
Stop land grabbing by mining companies!
- Unconditional restoration of the Racial Discrimination Act – scrap compulsory ‘Income Management’!
- Leave Land Rights alone - recognise Aboriginal sovereignty!
- A just Treaty with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples!

Foreign policy

- For an independent and peaceful foreign policy!
- No more support for American wars – get out of Iraq, Afghanistan and the Philippines!
- No US Alliance – no foreign military bases on Australian soil!
- Nuclear free Australia!

Social issues

- Equal rights for women!
Equal pay for work of equal value
Make equal opportunity a reality
Parental leave paid at full wage
- For a multicultural Australia!
No to racism
Stop demonisation of asylum seekers and refugees



Lex Wotton

Justice gagged in Queensland

by *Bill F.*

In late 2008, Lex Wotton was sentenced to six years gaol for the burning down of the Palm Island police station following the death in custody of Aboriginal man Cameron Doomadgee.

Wotton has now been released on parole on the condition that he does not attend public meetings or speak to the media.

Queensland is the only Australian

state where such conditions can be placed on people.

It corresponds to similar conditions imposed by the fascist anti-terror laws, anti-bikie laws and the ABCC regulations that rip away any pretence of democratic rights.

A spokesperson from the Townsville Indigenous Human Rights Committee, said “Over the last six-and-a-half years, with the death in custody on Palm Island, there has been no justice – the police officer involved has walked a free man

... with a compensation payout” ... “Lex is the only one who has gone to jail for a period of time.”

More and more anti-democratic laws, regulations and restrictions are being imposed on the Australian people to stifle dissent and punish those who dare to stand up against injustice and exploitation.

This ‘soft’ violence of the state apparatus may well be backed up with guns, tasers and prison cells, but none of it will stop the people’s struggle.