



Sustainable Population

Policy Statement

Global pollution and interdependent climate change cannot be tackled without addressing the presently 'taboo' issue of the world's burgeoning population.

The human footprint is so large that population management has to be addressed now. If we wait any longer, accelerated violence and social collapse will be the outcome.

Human activity is putting an enormous strain on the natural functions of the earth that the ability of the planet's ecosystem to sustain future generations can no longer be taken for granted.

World climate scientists agree that if greenhouse gas emission is not reduced by 60% by the year 2050, than mankind has no future on this planet.

Australia has a limited population carrying capacity due to its arid climate. The environment has already been severely impacted by European settlement.

To halt further environmental degradation and to maintain our standard of living dictates a stop to further immigration increases.

We find no reason to bring people from countries with an exponentially increasing population into Australia and destroying our ecology in the process.

One Nation intends to preserve this country, so that future generations may have a chance to a life which we have been fortunate enough to enjoy.

Policy

One Nation favours immigration linked to the number of residents departing our shores.

We are committed to reversing the effects of land degradation through better agricultural, mining and industrial practices.

We are committed to the protection of our forest, to tree planting programs, to water and energy conservation and to improving waste management.

Eradication of imported plants and animals in the wild, which threaten the environment and ecology, as well as limitations to those same species in the inhabited areas are proposed.

Commercial interests will not be allowed to take precedence over social and environmental standards and limitations.

We will actively work on establishing infrastructure to facilitate decentralisation, with the aim to lessen the environmental impact of large population centres.

Background Briefing

The population of under-developed countries is exploding, forcing the rural poor to migrate into the slums of the big cities.

We have now 400 cities with a population of over a million people.

India alone has grown from 350 million in 1947 to over a billion.

The UN estimates that the world population will be 9 Billion by 2050 and could reach 27 Billion in 120 years from now if present trends continue.

General consensus seems to suggest that the fertility rate will slow down and it is hoped that the population explosion will level off at 11 Billion.

The Millennium Assessment Report, backed by scientist from 95 countries, warns that human demand for food, fresh water, timber and fuel has already irretrievably damaged two thirds of all estuaries, wetlands, forests and other habitats that recycle air, water and nutrients.

Water withdrawal from lakes and rivers has doubled in the last 40 years.

Since 1980, about 35% of mangroves and 20% of corals have been lost.

Although America is the world's largest polluting country, Australians leave the largest footprint*, with the highest per capita pollution in the world (twice that of Europeans).

Each of us is responsible for 28 tonnes of carbon dioxide per year.

Scientists agree that 3 tonnes per capita are sustainable at today's population size.

****This is the amount of resources used and the amount of pollution created.***



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