

Hi Kelly.

Thanks for the update.

I find it both worrying and sad that our elected officials always take the easy option and fail to consider the national good. The short term political cycle is all that seems to matter.

The disreputable sale of our freehold farming land to foreign governments is at the forefront of this betrayal and not far behind is the current sale of residential homes which are being bought for land banking, not occupation. THIS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED as it is not "foreign investment" of any kind. This bubble has the ability to deflate very quickly if a better offer in another country comes up for these investors, most of whom are fleeing their own governments by stashing their money in Australian residential property.

The Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) is a scam. Its track record of non compliance speaks for itself. Your defence of it is seen through by the public as a lie and one has to begin asking whether or not state Liberal is an offshoot of the lying federal government given that its members are drawn from the same stock. Certainly the ICAC uncovering of widespread fraud at the state level seems to justify this assertion.

You claim that "The data on foreign purchases of Australian houses and apartments is inadequate, making policy evaluations very difficult." You are kidding aren't you? It is "inadequate" because the FIRB is another statutory body which refuses to fulfil its charter. There should be mass sackings and new blood to get rid of the )long) dead wood.

I expect better from government Kelly but it never much changes these days. Government is about doing what is right for the state, not the vested interests. Having been through a 4 year campaign to end the rental of residential homes as venues I understand that businesses which contribute funding to the government are catered for whilst the public whose taxes pay for almost everything can go whistle. This is the real corruption.

Please do yourself a favour Kelly: stand in front of the mirror, read this email and ask yourself the question 'what have I become'? Well perhaps that question is now meaningless. I hope not because if you put yourself up for election it should be for the greater good.....not for the benefits of the pubs and clubs, the real estate industry, etc.

Cheers.

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