

The Financial System Inquiry 31st July 2014..

As an Australian citizen request the Financial System Inquiry note the following:

1. That there be no bail-in of depositors in order to “save the banks”.
2. That Australia must separate legitimate commercial banking functions from the speculative activities of “investment banks”, as did the Glass-Steagall law in the United States so successfully from 1933 until its repeal in 1999. Such commercial banks serving the interests of the average Australian should be backed by the government, but the speculative banks should be left on their own to sink or swim. This way mum and dad investors will not be at unaware risk as they are at the moment.
3. That to anchor such a system of private commercial banks, Australia must also establish a national bank typified by our old Commonwealth Bank, where our government directs credit into the real physical economy of agriculture, manufacturing, and infrastructure projects which provide for the common good, including employment opportunities for all. This aspect could be opened for superannuation funds to invest in as a long term investment in physical assets.
4. Shuffling paper to make or loose value is not the purpose of a true peoples bank. Shuffling paper to make or loose value is the domain of speculation or gambling and should be a separate operating business.

In making this submission, I note the recent call by Pope Francis for a sweeping reform of the global financial system based upon the “primacy of the human person” rather than the “dictatorship of an impersonal economy lacking a truly human purpose”, and that “it is the responsibility of the state to safeguard and promote the common good of society”. And the action of the BRICS in setting up finance for physical assets and production. Australia should move to join in with the BRICS asap and support the BRICS at the coming G20 meeting..