

I am very concerned that the government might even consider stealing the deposits of ordinary citizens, the majority of us, to prop up banks that are gambling with our money.

In no case should a bank be considered too big to fail when their business conduct is so much based on unsecured (imaginary) money. I invest on the stock market but never in gambling stocks. Gambling is choice that people can make. It should not be the case that the government compels citizens to support gambling behaviour and take their money to cover the losses.

Bail-in did not work to improve people's lives in Greece. It impoverished them. I have Greek relatives. Does the government work for the people? If so, then the welfare of the people is the government's business, not supporting banks that make bad decisions by taking our hard earned money.

I have heard of a solution that worked in the past. That was to separate the speculation/gambling and commercial aspects of their business from the savings and investment in infrastructure aspects. That would keep our savings in real assets and let them gamble with their own money and take the associated risks. Singapore has such a savings and investment setup for banks in which people's superannuation is used for real projects and assets. It is even growing its land mass using these savings. No business unless it is a national defence project should be disassociated from the consequences of its choices.

What worked in the past was called the Glass-Steagall Act in USA. This was in the 1930's in the Depression. Several countries have now supported this idea with action and I believe we could do this too. I am amazed at how naïve our government is and how often we follow failed trends overseas and so seldom work out our own solutions to suit Australians. At least we could follow successful methods and protect our own citizens. Defence is not only military in nature. Keep the focus on the citizens who elect you to look after them.

I suggest set up two systems

1. Commercial banks for ordinary saving and real asset production
2. Investment banks with no Too big to Fail security
3. These banks to have no cross ownership or cross business or joint ventures

Ref: Glass Steagall Act

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