

Dear Sir/madam,

It is easy for one person to ask themselves what difference does my voice make, who cares what I think? I pondered this and asked myself the question from the perspective of those suffering from poverty, starvation, displacement and inequality...Who is listening, Who cares?

The truth is we all care, even if we don't demonstrate this in positive and uplifting ways, deep down at the core of our own being-ness our own centred-ness, we are caring of others. If we can for one moment step back from the chatter, the influences, the egos need to posture and prance, we will reconnect with our human brothers and sisters around the world.

Sounds too good to be true doesn't it, some might label this white washing in its simplicity, but the truth is we are connected to one another, we are responsible and custodians of humanity and its transformational step forward. The burning question is, will we set the example, will we as Australians embrace the change, stand in our own power and intrinsic understanding of what is fair and right, will we?

We have International laws that govern human rights, we have politicians that pontificate right and wrong, and we have opinions about border control, terrorism, wars, displacement, boat people, white Australia, who pays for whom and so on, the list is endless and complex if we make it complex. Can we not with our huge ability for solution solving, after all we can send people to space, create amazing technology and medical breakthroughs, can we not solve this one?

I maintain we can, we as a collective consciousness can rise to meet this challenge that is before us, we can make the world a better place for all of us to live in, we can embrace and be all encompassing of those in need, whether for a place to live, more food on the table or fresh water and education for children, we owe it to them. Lets stop being entitled, we don't own the outcome, we own the process, lets choose wisely, not poorly. Don't let future generations accuse Australia of being followers, not leaders, let's lead the way, be brave and stand out, humanity will thank us.

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