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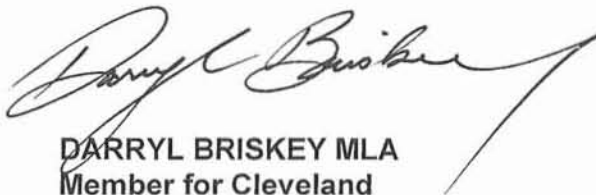
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Dear Neil

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter received from Rev Harvie Ladlow of the Bayside Christian Fellowship, 111-117 Duncan Road, Sheldon.

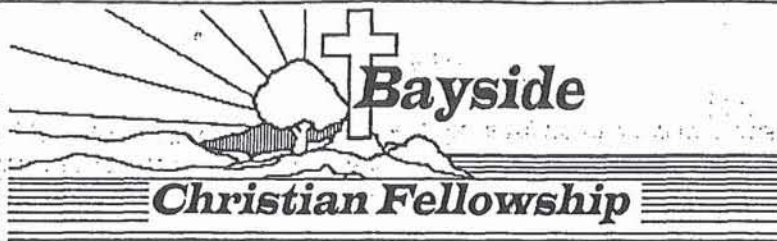
Please ensure Rev Ladlow's correspondence receives appropriate attention by the Committee.

Yours sincerely


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The Deputy Chairman of the Legal
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7th August 1996

Dear Darryl,

(COPY ATTACHED)

I was absolutely amazed to read in the local paper of Tuesday, 6th August 1996, p5 (Bayside Bulletin), that the question was being asked 'should making false or misleading claims in political advertising be made illegal'?

I cannot express strongly enough, just how concerned I am - in fact this is a very alarming situation to arise, and I see two major areas of concern:

1. That politicians and their parties should stoop to lying or misleading the population in ANYWAY WHATSOEVER is appalling and a dreadful sign of the state of politics in this nation.

Several years ago I was sitting at dinner with an MLA of Queensland and we were discussing the positive and negative aspects of multiculturalism (her party was holding government at the time). I asked if she was concerned that multiculturalism may well lead to ethnic violence in this nation in future generations. She agreed that it was distinctly possible. I then asked the obvious question 'what was she doing about it as a politician?', and could not believe my ears when she replied 'I'm not worried about the next generation, I live for now!' Honesty and ethics had disappeared!

Politicians should keep promises - including those placed in ads. The Bible says that one should give their word sparingly, and once having given it, one must keep it unto death - that's a laugh in our society and our politicians.

2. That the situation is such that we have to even ask ourselves if we should allow it! Any moral and ethical society would never have allowed itself to get so low as to have to ask the question, and the fact that we are asking is a clear indication that we have indicted ourselves as miserably guilty! Shame on us, shame!

How can we have morals and ethics in our society when the politicians lack it, how can we have morals and ethics in our society when laws are made, and standards approved, that give rise to these dreadful losses in our society, that give rise to behaviour that opposes all decent Biblical behaviour, - all because no one really wants to be seen to be

setting moral standards. We don't have to, for the Bible does, and for very good reason -WE NEED THEM! It is only by turning to the One who truly is Moral and Good, that we have any hope of recovering these moral basics of society, and life in general.

It is my considered and experienced opinion that there are far too many social workers, foundationless do-gooders, minority groups and politicians who do not have quality morals or ethics - all to this countries loss. A few years ago we had the ridiculous situation where an unmarried Ms was the head of 'Family Services' in this state - respectfully, what would she know about families and raising children - and it was the politicians who put her there!) These 'amoral' people are pulling the strings of frightened governments who will do anything to hold on to power - The Greens and the Democrats hold the balance of power in this nation, and that is not majority rule (as per the constitution and the purpose of elections in a democratic society), that is minority rule, and government by stealth - John Howard was given an overwhelming and clear mandate at the last elections, and the minority parties refuse to allow the clear voice of the people through the Senate - they are more interested in power mongering than honest government!

Morality and intrinsic honesty has become so much a 'dirty word', that we don't even teach sex education in our schools with morals - it must be taught (political decision), in an 'amoral' way. Is it any wonder that we have an ever increasing number of single mums, and an ever increasing number of murders by way of abortions - any society that will knowingly and willingly kill it's young is in serious trouble - and don't talk to me about rights of the mother until someone seriously addresses the rights of the baby in the womb!

We are rightly concerned about events like Port Arthur (and without entering the gun debate), I do not believe that guns are the real issue, for the real issue is the lack/loss of social morals and ethics that have allowed the heartbeat of these 'amoral and ethic-less' standards to arise in our community. Of course we have dishonest politics, we have a dishonest society in many ways, and each new generation gets progressively worse.

Should adds, political or otherwise, tell the truth? Of course they should! What a stupid question! Or is it such a stupid question, when we consider the decay of Biblical ethics and morality in our society (the ONLY TRUE baseline for any society is the inflexible standards of God's Holy Word), one should not be surprised that we must ask the stupid question about honesty in political advertising when we throw the base line away. Oh! I forgot, multiculturalism demands that we must throw the baseline away, we don't have One God any-more, we have many - were 'multicultural aren't we! (I am not against immigration or immigrants, but I am for one nation and one flag and ONE GOD!)

Adultery is not illegal anymore, one can just simply go about busting up families and marriages with impunity (all because of unrestrained lust), and when that's done the government will pay the perpetrators a pension of some kind to live away from their spouse, maybe even take the kids, who are now raised either by a single parents or step parents (till the next good fling comes along), and we destroy any standards that might have been in the innocent victims (the kids). All in the name of freedom, lust and rights (rights and true freedom only comes after responsibility, first to God, then to our marriages, our children, our society and then to ourselves) - for most it is sadly me, I and myself first!.

Is it any wonder that we have to ask ourselves - is honesty is the best policy? The simple truth is the honesty is not the best policy, honesty is the ONLY policy!

Was it John Laws who said, *'We need politicians who do not think of elections, but think of the next*

generation!'

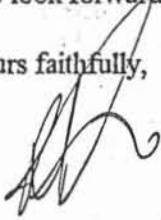
'We need politicians who will give this country what it needs, not what it wants, and what it needs most right now is a solid dose of Biblical ethics, the foundation from which all morals and ethics are sounded!'

Where are the honest politicians, there seems to be precious few of them?

Darryl, are you one, do you have an 'inflexible base line'? If you are, if you do, will you shout till you are heard, until you make a difference?

I do look forward to your reply, and please not just a standard thank you letter.

Yours faithfully,



Harvie Ladlow.

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Should ads tell truth?

SHOULD making false or misleading claims in political advertising be made illegal?

Deputy Chairman of the Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee, Darryl Briskey — also Member for Cleveland — said the committee was seeking input from

the public on the matter of truth in political advertising.

An issues paper was recently released by the committee as part of its inquiry.

Copies of the issues paper can be obtained by contacting the committee's secretary on 3406 7167.

