**A couple of questions to share over a coffee with your local councillor:**

**Q.** is Council acting as a representative body of the community.

**Q:** Would you agree that your Council rates are a form of land tax? In fact, before the introduction of the GST, Peter Costello and the Commission of Taxation, Michael Carmody, both assured the country there will be no GST on Council rates because “we can’t tax a tax”.

**Q:** Did you know that Section 85 of the Constitution of The Australian Commonwealth prohibits the States from taxing land belonging to the Commonwealth and that all land held in fee simple is of the commonwealth, not the states?

**Q:** So, if the States are prohibited from taxing land, how can they create a law that empowers “local government” to tax land = Rates?

**Q:** Are you aware of a High Court ruling 1  
Commonwealth v New South Wales [1923] HCA 34 (1923) 33 CLR 1  
(9 August 1923) 1  
HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA  
KNOX C.J., ISAACS, HIGGINS, GAVAN DUFFY AND STARKE JJ. Justice Isaacs in relation to Land Held in Fee Simple “I have already said, adversely to State law and by a law superior, and by that superior law is vested in the Commonwealth; and, as that superior law is the sole source of title, it follows that **nothing henceforth can depend on State registration laws or State laws of any kind”**

**Q:** So, if the High Court has found that to the case, and if it has been upheld 2 times since, most recently as 1998, how can little old councils override the HCA and do what they do?

**Q:** When youdid your councillor orientation training, did they point out to you that the Council must obey State & Commonwealth laws…..?

**Q:** Are you aware of Agenda 2030 (previously call Agenda 21)? Can you explain it to me ?

It is a path laid out for the future of local governments complying with the UN and the WEF.

**Q:** Are you aware that policy and direction of councils is driven by the State and the LGA, not from within Councils themselves? Not from the people living in the district, via their elected Councillors to the chamber for decision, but down from international external forces through the LGA to your CEO’s who make the real policy?

**Q:** How much time do you spend each week doing independent research on any Policy ?

**Q:** Do you feel like your CEO sees him/herself as the ruler of their own fiefdom and you are just there to be the rubber stamp?

**Q:** How many times have You personally organised a community consultation evening ?

**Q:** Based on the above High Court Ruling Can the Council lawfully control Crown Land such as Parks and require people obtain permits for their use?