

The Future of Australia

*The future of Australia
is hanging in the balance;
in the next few days
it is up to us to decide
just what that future will be.*

*I look at our politicians
and I despair.
Where is the vision
for the future?
Where is the leadership
Australia needs?*

*We have the chance
to make a difference.
We have the chance
to change our future.
We have the chance
to change the way
this country's run.
It's just a shame
there is no one to choose from!*

*I look at our political parties
and the leaders at their helms
and I find
I am
decidedly
uninspired,
even disgusted and horrified.
There is not one political party
or leader in Aussie Politics
who I would choose to follow -
not Liberal, nor Labor,
not the Greens or Family First,
not the DLP, the CDP or the SEP.
Not one has much to offer us,
not much that counts anyway!
In my opinion
Bob Brown and the Greens
are the best of a sorry lot!
But even then,
I will not vote for them
as the Greens and I
don't see eye to eye
on many of their policies.*

*I am disgusted
and appalled
by the so called leaders
our country has on offer!*

*Both Abbott and Gillard
our two main candidates,
make my lip curl
in a sneer of utter distaste.
They lie,
they cheat,
they blame each other
for our country's
sad and sorry state.
I cannot trust
Julia Gillard and Labor,
any more than I can trust
Tony Abbott and Liberal,
and it seems everyone else -
the Bob Browns and Steve Fieldings
seem likely to suffer the same fate.*

*If this bunch of pollies
is the best Australia can offer,*

then I ask myself,
"Why do I even bother?
There is no hope for a future bright,
so give up now,
and put in
a donkey vote!"
For I've not seen
throughout this whole campaign
a political party
or candidate that shines.
There is no one I want to vote for at all
and as far as I can see,
the future of Australia
is very bleak indeed.

It's taken a while,
but I finally understand
why I am so uninspired
by our political parties,
so disgusted by our leaders,
and so unable to decide
for whom to cast my vote.
Australia's future leaders
are not true leaders at all!
They lack vision and forward thinking,

they lack honesty and integrity,
they lack new ideas and policies;
but what they do not lack,
what they have in great abundance
is an endless way
to slur and slander
each other!
Nastiness and snide comments abound,
mixed in with much finger pointing
and criticism of each other -
Labor did that and Gillard did this!
Liberal did this and Abbot did that!

Guess what?
I don't give a fig
about what Labor
has to say about Liberal,
or what Liberal
has to say about Labor!
No
I don't actually care at all!
I don't need it pointed out to me,
I can see perfectly well for myself
the glaring dishonesty,
gross mismanagement

and mistakes
both Gillard and Abbott have made.
Again I say,
I shout out loud
in frustration and disgust,
"I'm not interested
in this political cat fight,
this bickering school children brawl!"

I want policies!
I want direction!
I want to know
where Australia is going!
I want a government
who will lead Australia
and not just manage us well!
I want a government
who will make decisions that count.
I want a government
who will actually do something
instead of talking up a storm,
practising delaying tactics
and doing nothing at all!
I want a government
who has vision for our future,

*a government who can inspire,
a government with the tenacity
to make the hard decisions,
do the work and actually make it so.*

*But,
good leadership,
great vision
and thought provoking policy
have been most definitely lacking
from this election campaign.
The only party I have seen
with any vision
for the future of
Australia and its people
are Bob Brown and the Greens,
but, as I've already said,
I cannot vote for them,
we have ideological differences
and I cannot support all they believe.*

*Australia's in a mess!
Who will lead us forward?
Who will lead us out of this mess?
Not Gillard and Labor,*

*not Abbott and Liberal!
Aside from all the ads on the telly
where they pull each other down,
all I've heard from
Gillard and Abbott
is who will manage
this country well.*

*But Australia's in a mess!
We are desperate
for a leader and a party
who can lead this country forward.*

*We are desperate
for a leader with vision
for the future of our land
and the guts to make it true.*

*We need someone who
can inspire and guide,
someone who can show us the way.*

*We need someone with
great imaginative power,
someone with the ability to see
and think ahead.*

*We are desperate for
someone with who can dream big dreams
and bring them into reality.*

*We desperately need someone with
the ability to inspire others
and get them to grab hold
of the vision and the dream,
to follow where they lead.
We need someone
who's not afraid to take a chance,
to take a risk
and stand out from the crowd.
And we desperately need
someone who is innovative,
has new ideas,
big ideas
who can see beyond today,
see forward into the future
and see the big picture for Australia
and the rest of the world.*

*Without the risk takers,
the visionaries,
the innovators
and great leaders
nothing would ever get done,
nothing would ever be achieved;
and with leaders like*

*Gillard and Abbott
this is sadly where our future lies;
for the practical
and the realists
are very good at managing,
but not so good
at moving forward -
they do not inspire
or lead and guide,
they do not dream big dreams,
or have big visions for the future
and they most certainly
do not take risks!
They play it safe,
so very safe,
but without risk,
without vision,
without dreams
Australia will not be great.
So unless things change
in a major way
then the future of Australia
will be managed
for the next three years,
not going forward,*

*not going anywhere
except maybe backwards
as the rest of the world
moves forward
with the possibility of
Australian greatness
permanently put on hold!
Our future no longer
looks assured,
or prosperous,
no, it doesn't look bright
at all, any more
under the government
of Labor or Liberal,
under the leadership
of Gillard or Abbott,
or whoever else they
put at their head.*

*Why?
Why don't our leaders lead?
Why do they opt for
management instead?
Are they scared?
Are they scared that we*

*won't vote for them?
Are they are scared
of what the public will say?
What will the public say?*

*With leaders
who won't step up,
who won't stand up,
who won't get up and lead,
Australia's now
in the situation
where nobody wins,
everybody loses
and future is dark and dim.*

*As far as I can see,
not one of our leaders
is a visionary;
not one of our leaders
is a true leader,
not one of our leaders
inspires;
not one of our leaders
stands up,
stands out,
or shines,*

*not one of our leaders
gives us a vision
to grab hold of and follow,
and as the prophet
from the bible says,
a long, long time ago,*

*Carla G.
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*“Without vision
the people,
the nation,
perish!”*

*Where is the vision
for the future?
Where is the leadership
Australia needs?*