

SEVENTH SUBMISSION - AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE TAX SYSTEM REVIEW

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as follows:

SOME COMMENTS ABOUT DR HENRY'S SPEECH "HOW MUCH INEQUITY SHOULD WE ALLOW ?"

I've been reading the transcript of a speech Dr Ken Henry gave at the Australian Council of Social Service National Conference on 3 April 2009.

It was entitled "How much inequity should we allow ?" and can be found on this inquiry's website.

In his speech, Dr Henry stated that "...individual welfare is not directly measurable..." (page 2).

I would like to disagree. I believe it IS possible to measure it.

Dr Henry also referred to the concept of "wellbeing" in his speech.

Dr Henry and others may like to read item 1 ("Objective Assessment of Liveability") of submission no.1 to the recent "Inquiry into Enhancing Victoria's Liveability" which was conducted by the Victorian Competition & Efficiency Commission (VCEC). That submission was dated 17 January 2008 and was one of my submissions to that inquiry. It can be found on the website "[www.vcec.vic.gov.au](http://www.vcec.vic.gov.au)".

The method for getting a more objective measure of "individual welfare"/well-being proposed in my submission to the Liveability inquiry has, in fact, been used in the field of Primal Therapy to objectively verify "PERMANENT" improvement in individuals as they experience SUBJECTIVE and symptomatic improvement over time in that therapy (see references 1 & 2).

Primal Therapy, over time, has been shown to NORMALIZE a person's VITAL SIGNS such as blood pressure, pulse and body temperature (see references 1 & 2). So HIGH blood pressure, for example, would come down and LOW blood pressure would go up.

Dr Janov's research has also discovered that VERY HEALTHY people would have vital signs that typically fall into a very narrow band of vital sign values as compared to those of unhealthy/neurotic people (see reference 1).

As such, this could be used to identify those individuals that are exceptionally healthy.

REFERENCES:

1) Arthur Janov, PhD, "Prisoners of Pain", Anchor Press/Doubleday, Garden City (NY), 1980, section IV ("A Science of Being Human"), subsections 1 ("A Science of Feeling"), 2 ("Measuring Sickness and Health") and 3 ("Restoration and Renewal").

2) Arthur Janov, PhD, and E.Michael Holden, MD, "Primal Man: The New Consciousness", Sphere Books, London, 1977 (note: the late Dr.Holden was a neurologist).

Yours sincerely,

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