Turnbull's Gamble Pays Off - For Voters Sick Of Both Parties

Summary:
Voters are seeing through the two party trickery that is spoiling our country. In 2016 it is clear .... we don't trust the major parties. If both parties were serious about a banking Royal Commission the result would have been decisive .... one way or another.

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Election 2016 - A Tale of Two "Leaders" and their botched opportunity.

What went wrong for Shorten and Turnbull? Why haven't we got a Royal Commission into banking? These two questions are very much related.

As you know the BRN approach was to see to it that we would have a fair dinkum Royal Commission regardless who won the election.

Turnbull didn't want to consider it. We contacted every marginal seat Liberal candidate to give them the opportunity to support our position. None of them did and now many of them have been turfed

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out. Don't you think Turnbull and his candidates would have done much better if they had decided to support bank reform and a proper investigation of the banks?

Last night, in his bid to snatch kudos from the jaws of embarrassment, Turnbull had to justify calling his double dissolution. So after two months of campaigning we finally hear mention of the issue which lead to this election - CFMEU criminality. 100 unionists up on charges for a 1,000 legal transgressions: bullying; extortion; thuggery; violence. Minimal mention of reintroducing the building watchdog (ABCC) through the campaign because it really was opportunistically used by Turnbull to seek political advantage and to improve his own position. The plan backfired with a big loss of seats and almost cost him his long coveted job.

History told us that it was highly unlikely that the first term LNP would lose this election. The ALP knew it had bugger all chance of winning. So what did Shorten do? He promised to hold a Royal Commission into banks. Pollies will say and do anything to get elected .... and it's very easy to make a promise when you really don't think you'll have to deliver it.

The ALP hardly mentioned the Royal Commission during the campaign because it really was opportunistically used by Shorten to seek political advantage and to improve his own position. The plan backfired - if he had campaigned on it with his heart and soul he could have won .... but even worse - we were collateral damage because if he had taken it seriously it would have become an election issue. Turnbull and the LNP could have been forced into supporting it too.

By not being fair dinkum Shorten managed to only get around 33% of the primary vote - the second worst result ever. Only some sweet preference deals make the result appear palatable. As predicted the combined ALP / LNP vote has been hammered. The Senate will be a nightmare for both parties. All because they both continue to abuse us with lies and self-serving machinations that enrich their cronies at our expense.

The interesting twist here is that Shorten abused us with a deceptive beat up about Medicare being "privatised." This was so damaging to Turnbull that within 24 hours of it making big news he axed plans to outsource the back end payment system for medicare which was the basis of the ALP's attack.

Why didn't Shorten attack the LNP with the bank crimes that are ripping billions of dollars from our people and country every year? A real problem, demanding real investigation and real action. Turnbull would have been on the ropes and could have back flipped just like he did with the medicare issue.

Two politicians abusing whatever trust some people may have still had in them for pure political gain. Both of them throwing away a possible comfortable victory. Both diminishing our trust in business as usual two party politics. Both turning more of us to independent and minor parties. Both contributing to the now much reduced chance of a Royal Commission.

Well BRN has news for Turnbull. If you don't like the crime and corruption in the building industry. If you think it requires reform and a watchdog with teeth to keep the industry clean then you better take exactly the same approach with the banks. They are causing just as much - if not more - turmoil, hardship and damage. The banks are not only involved in all manner of crimes and rip offs - they also are setting us up for a financial crisis that will make 2008 look like a picnic.

Mr Turnbull - you are not invincible - your luck is running low. Hold a Royal Commission into the banks, oppose bank bail-in laws, support Glass-Steagall type laws and get ready to support genuine reforms to the way banks operate. You are no Lazarus ... there is no third chance.

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