

PUBLIC MEETING

**ENOUGH OF RIGHT-WING AGENDAS
IT'S TIME FOR A NEW POLITICS**

WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 7.30 PM

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The meeting will be chaired by:

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South Melbourne Town Hall Bank Street, South Melbourne

**Initiated by the Rainbow Alliance
with the support of concerned groups**

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IT'S TIME FOR A NEW POLITICS

In Victoria the economy is in terrible shape, politics is at an all time low, and people and the environment are hurting badly.

People around the nation are paying the price for policies which are supposed to make Australia more efficient and competitive - "the clever country".

The Price so far:

- * high and rising levels of poverty and unemployment
- * greater domestic and social violence
- * a declining manufacturing sector and a deepening rural crisis
- * a financial and legal system which rewards greed and corruption
- * a vicious squeeze on health, education and transport
- * lots of talk about the environment but little action

All of this courtesy of Labour governments

Worse is to come:

- * a consumption tax
- * billions of dollars of public assets to be sold to private interests
- * health, education and public transport to be run like private businesses
- * the poor and destitute to be left to the inadequate resources of voluntary organisations
- * a concerted attack on the rights of workers and trade unions
- * an even greater onslaught on the environment
- * even greater foreign ownership and control of the economy

This is what the conservative parties have in store for us

What is the problem?

It's not just the politics of tweedledum and tweedledee. It's the lack of real democracy in all our major institutions - the parliaments, the courts, the media, the government bureaucracies, finance and industry.

More and more power and wealth are organised to suit the interests of media magnates, transnational corporations, overseas money markets and a small band of corporate raiders and speculators.

The result is the exploitation of people and nature

Why a public meeting?

The public meeting will be a major political event. It will help to set in train a wider campaign

- * to turn the conservative tide
- * to forge a new political and economic direction for Australia
- * to begin mobilising large numbers of people who want a say over the decisions which will vitally affect their future.

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