

Wodonga Albury Toward Climate Health (WATCH)  
Invites you to the  
Mock Wedding  
of  
Mr Desperate for Political Donations Politician  
and  
Baroness von  
Filthy Polluting Coal Oil Gas Fossil Fuel

20 May 2016 at 12:30 pm Outside Sussan Ley's Office

**MC:** Your attention please. My name is Lauriston of Wodonga Albury Toward Climate Health (WATCH) and I am your MC. WATCH is a non-partisan climate advocacy group. We will shortly be witnessing an irreligious ceremony which will last about 10 minutes so I would ask you to please ensure your mobile phone is turned to silent or off.

After the service we would greatly appreciate it if you could complete one of our letters to Sussan Ley and post it through the door behind me and you can also subscribe to our monthly e-WATCHWORD newsletter if you don't already receive it.

Since the last election, fossil fuel companies have donated \$3.7 million to the major parties - Liberal and Labor. In return, the Federal Government has used our taxes to subsidise the fossil fuel industry to the tune of approximately \$7.7 billion every year. This is our money that could have been spent on health or education or almost anything else of use which would not pollute our planet and jeopardise our future. WATCH and 350.org want to highlight this terrible distortion of our democracy; we do not support a system where party donations appear to buy tax-payer funded subsidies for polluters. In an effort to expose and end this destructive arrangement, WATCH has prepared the following performance for you and hope afterwards you may send a letter to your MP to encourage the end of this sad state of affairs.

### Service

Firstly we acknowledge the land upon which we stand has been managed by the Wiradjuri people for far longer than by us. We should reflect that the Wiradjuri lived sustainably within this land for many thousands of years. Almost unbelievably they did this without politicians desperate for party donations and without a corporate fossil fuel industry receiving massive taxpayer funded subsidies. I will now hand you over to our very celebrated celebrant: The Venerable Father Peter McLeod Miller, Rector of St Matthews and Archdeacon of the Hume.

### Ceremony

**Celebrant:** I welcome you all here today. As we begin the ceremony, I would like you to understand and affirm this moving truth - that the traditional form of marriage between tax payer subsidised fossil fuel corporations and politicians, desperate for political donations, has worked for both parties for too long.

We are gathered here before the people of Australia to witness and condemn this unholy Union.

Marriage is the bringing together of the like minds of two people who are generally already in bed with each-other as these two obviously have been for many years. We had better get on and at least acknowledge that this arrangement is official, if not desirable.

**Celebrant:** Do you, Desperate for Political Donations Politician, take Baroness von Filthy Polluting Coal Oil Gas Fossil Fuel to be your lawful giver of political donations?

**D:** I do,

**Celebrant:** and do you Baroness von Filthy Polluting Coal Oil Gas Fossil Fuel, take Desperate for Political Donations Politician to be your lawful giver of billions of tax payers dollars for subsidies?

**F:** I do,

**Celebrant:** Now, Desperate, repeat after me:

I Desperate/ D repeat  
take thee Filthy/ D repeat  
to be my lawful bedded partner/ D repeat  
in sickness such as asthma, black lung, emphysema, mercury poisoning/ D repeat  
coral bleaching, increased bushfires, extreme heat, water shortage and drought/ D repeat  
and in health such as when we are really really rich and powerful/ D repeat  
until early death do us part/ D repeat.

**Celebrant:** Now, Filthy, repeat after me:

I Filthy/ F repeat  
take thee Desperate/ F repeat  
to be my lawful bedded partner/ F repeat  
in sickness such as reduced revenue for health and education/ F repeat  
lack of interest to listen to and act on what people really want/ F repeat  
and in health such as when we are really really rich and powerful/ F repeat  
until you losing your seat do us part/ F repeat

**Celebrant:** And now the exchanging of the rings; Desperate:

With this tax payer funded subsidy/ D repeat  
I from thee expect large donations to the party/ D repeat  
as long as we both shall profit/ D repeat

**Celebrant:** And now Filthy:

With this large donation to the party/ F repeat  
I from thee expect massive tax payer funded subsidies/ F repeat  
as long as we both shall profit/ F repeat

**Celebrant:** I declare you Corrupt and Amoral. You may now kiss each other's rings.

Thank you Peter. To distract you from the disgusting sight of these two kissing each other's rings I remind you of the very powerful statement attributed to an indigenous North American elder who said something like "only when the last tree has been felled and the last fish caught will we realise that we cannot eat money" and that was before they knew about climate change. Let us act today so we never have to say "only when the last glacier melted and the last crop failed did we realise we could not eat fossil fuel.

To cheer us up on this sad occasion we would like you to join in a rousing version of the wedding march. Please turn to page 4 (last page of your order of service)

1. Here come the bribes  
Donations to both sides  
Money for the pollies to keep them on side
2. Here come the subsidies  
In thanks for the "Donations"  
Oh how this system embarrasses our nation
3. Here come the bribes  
Thick are their hides  
How can it be we've been taken for this ride?
4. The people want clean power  
Our pollies shouldn't cower  
Use sun and wind not that coal-fired tower
5. So tell your dear MP  
Cease the coal lolly  
And do what the people want and stop this folly.

MC: That concludes the service. Please can you show your thanks to our wonderfully brave performers:

Musician extraordinaire Marjorie Glanville

Award winning actress Bridget Doyle

The debonair Jim Sloan

And the one and only Father Peter Macleod Miller

Please remember to complete a letter to Sussan and post it to the office behind me and sign up to WATCHWORD if you want to.