

FACT SHEET 13. POPULATION ACTIONS - a summing up



“Your growth is not sustainable – I come to operate”

How many people could the earth support, with quality of life, and not endangering the future? Some scientists have recommended that we are already too crowded, and two billion would be happier and safer. \

Could Australia be the best it could be, with present resources, and cutting wasteful consumption, if its population stabilised at twenty million? - And then populations need only increase as more efficient sources of energy and other needs became possible, rather than gambling that they will be.

Our economies can surely adapt to be progressive in quality of life, but not requiring continual growth in waste of resources and climate pollution. These topics need considering.

This FACT SHEET considers ways to stabilise populations humanely and rapidly - and globally, because there are no more empty and fertile lands to spill over into. Nor should anyone have to be an economic refugee.

- A UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION FOR THE RIGHT TO REPRODUCE, as one healthy child each (= two per couple) plus the right for that child to have a decent chance for a healthy and prosperous life. Governments' childcare support is given to those children, encouraging no more. No group can claim this is genocide, and it applies to all.
- NO MORE PRENATAL POLICIES. All nations must abandon policies of financial encouragement of more of their own babies – or global family planning reeks of hypocrisy.
- FAMILY-PLANNING EDUCATION includes general education for all women as the most successful factor in enabling women to choose their family size. It includes contraceptive methods as preferable and available so that abortion is a rare and last resort. Sex education includes learning about love and affection as the basis of the 'best sex' and the foundation of stable relationships in which children are reared.
- MEDIA AND ALL SOURCES OF MEMES AND INFORMATION spread a world-wide message for all work to together against the common dangers to us all. This message must particularly reach those with power who believe that

might and arms are their right and that their national (religious or business) interests override all other interests in the world. It must reach the refugees, nomads, forest tribes, the oppressed and the oppressors.

- THE GLOBAL ECONOMIES ADAPT TO GOALS OF SUSTAINABILITY, NOT GROWTH, maintaining enterprise and innovation in responsible production to improve quality life, but no more planned obsolescence or fanning new needs. Changing the ruling motives and goals – for cooperation not just competition, for status from public service not excessive wealth acquisition, for businesses to legally have public benefit as equal with maximising shareholders' profits. There will be jobs for all when everything that needs to be done is done – and that will include preventing and coping with all the disasters and dangers set out in Fact Sheet 12.
- COMMUNITIES ADAPT TO SHARE THEIR CHILDREN'S LIVES, so that children in the smaller families are not isolated, nor the adults missing out from the pleasure of many children.
- LEADERSHIP in action, and inspirational leadership in every country – it is possible.
- ARTISTS AND WRITERS AS VISIONARIES show the visions of what might be, not dystopias. They help to changing present cultures of aggressive masculinity and drugged escapes to more fulfilling criteria of what is a Man, what is adult, and what is pleasure'.
- AND MORE.

Choosing to exercise the better parts of our human nature, not the basest and most short-sighted, is that possible? Everyone can play a part, in every way they can, averting the greatest energy crisis, the crisis of human energy.

- Look around you – you can see already what must be done and what must be stopped. What everyone can do. Turn our innate gambling instinct to good account.

