

AGENDA 21 IN AUSTRALIA

FAQ's about the UN program the politicians prefer not to talk about

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SUMMARY

Introduction

This brief article gives an overview of Agenda 21 in Australia by answering commonly asked questions. [The full version of this summarised paper can be found here](#), and extensive back up research, here ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#), [8](#)).

What is 'Agenda 21'?

[Agenda 21](#) is the United Nations global program for the 21st century. It is an attempt by the UN to control people and resources throughout the world under the guise of protecting the environment and assuring the ecological sustainability of the world. The United Nations adopts the view that only a global 'solution' will be effective and therefore all the countries of the world are required to transfer political power and finance to the UN, and cooperate with their requirements. The UN will decide what they consider to be [sustainable](#), as well as [unsustainable practices](#), which must either be restricted or cease completely.

Agenda 21, developed by [Maurice Strong](#), was intended to be [the "Plan of Action" for the Earth Charter](#), which was developed by [Maurice Strong and Mikhail S. Gorbachev](#):

Agenda 21 produced numerous spin-offs under varying names, all coming under the umbrella term 'ecological sustainability'. Various organisations were established to assist in promoting and implementing AG21. One such organisation was [Green Cross International](#), which was established by Mikhail S. Gorbachev to [promote global implementation of Agenda 21, as also noted by ECC](#). Another was [ICLEI](#), specifically established to promote Agenda 21 implementation by local Councils around the world ([6](#)).

The Earth Charter, the Earth Dialogue, Agenda 21, and Green Cross, all require everyone, including schoolchildren, to become activists, activists opposed to the sovereignty and independence of their own countries, but activists in support of the UN and their global agenda.

Agenda 21 is a program with no defined destination and no end. The completion date, and the final projected cost, will remain unknown.

Is Agenda 21 the same thing as 'ecological sustainability'?

Yes, the terms "Agenda 21" and "ecologically sustainable development" (ESD) are used synonymously. The Agenda 21 program is a guide to achieving the UN's version of politically controlled ecological sustainability. Legally, Agenda 21 is implemented in Australia under the [1992 Intergovernmental Agreement on the Environment](#) and the [National Strategy for Ecologically Sustainable Development \(ESD\)](#).

Is there a connection between UN climate claims & Agenda 21?

Yes. According to UN claims, humans are causing dangerous global warming or climate change, and this is considered by the UN to be a global problem which threatens sustainability, hence it forms one part of Agenda 21, and has been included by the UN in the Agenda 21 document. This connection has been confirmed by those responsible for implementing Agenda 21 in Australia ([10](#)).

But Isn't Agenda 21 'non-binding' or voluntary?

In answer to the question, in Australia, various provisions of Agenda 21 have already been enshrined into Commonwealth, State, and Council, laws and regulations and are therefore legally enforceable. Agenda 21 per se though (ie in totality), strictly speaking remains legally unenforceable until it becomes enshrined in international law, although considerable international pressure may still be used to ensure compliance. **It is certainly NOT true to say though, that the provisions of AG21 are 'non-binding' or voluntary, as many are now statutory laws within Australia.**

But isn't Agenda 21 an old 'dead' agreement from 20 years ago?

No, it is not an old 'dead' agreement. It is an agreement which is being kept very much alive by all three levels of government in Australia. Although it was introduced to the Commonwealth parliament way back in 1992, successive governments and Councils have been undemocratically implementing it ever since ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#), [8](#)). The Commonwealth considered AG21 of such importance that their commitment to this UN program was renewed in 2012 at the [Rio +20 Conference](#) which was [attended by then Prime Minister Julia Gillard](#).

Who is responsible for implementing or enforcing Agenda 21 in Australia?

As then Environment Minister Ros Kelly in the Keating government pointed out when Agenda 21 was [introduced to parliament on 26th May 1992](#), the Commonwealth is the driver of AG21, and assumes ultimate responsibility.

While the Commonwealth exerts direct control over States in the 'national interest', and States in turn control local Councils, the Commonwealth has also exercised more direct control over Councils by funding Agenda 21, by embedding Environmental Resource Officers in Councils or Local Government Associations, and even by producing an Agenda 21 instruction manual for Councils. As a result of these pressures, Councils around Australia have widely adopted Agenda 21/ESD programs.

What is the role of the judiciary in AG21/ESD implementation?

The lawyers and judges of course, are at the forefront when it comes to forcing Australians to comply with the dictates of AG21/ESD, as required by the UN. But when it comes to political issues such as AG21/ESD, judges may go beyond impartiality and [become 'activists'](#).

The underlying philosophy driving Agenda 21 and the rewriting of our legal system is based upon [ecocentrism](#), or the [transferring of property rights from humans to plants, animals, or the environment](#). This is a complete reversal of traditional legal principles which were based upon [anthropocentrism](#) or human centredness. Ecocentrism, or [earth jurisprudence](#), was explained by Justice Preston in a recent speech entitled ['Internalising Ecocentrism in Environmental Law'](#).

This represents a radical revolution in legal thinking and a reversal of the fundamental values that underpin our society. Not only are the traditional values which underpin our society under attack, but further, there are moves to completely prevent any democratic reversal of these laws.

Is Agenda 21 a bipartisan issue?

Yes. Agenda 21 has long been supported by both major political parties and the Greens. Unlike the ALP and the Greens however, the Coalition did not declare Agenda 21 in their official policy platform even though it has long been supported by the highest levels of the Liberal Party.

Is Agenda 21 democratically based, were the people given an electoral choice?

No, it is not democratically based and the people were given no choice ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#), [8](#)). As already noted, it was a bipartisan policy, so even if Agenda 21 had been openly declared as policy, the people had no choice.

But how is it possible for a UN program to be implemented by successive governments for 20 years without the people being given a democratic choice?

The United Nations issued instructions that the global sustainability agenda must transcend party politics and be thoroughly embedded into the bureaucracy to prevent any threat to the continuation of the policy upon change of government. In order to achieve this, the Commonwealth put in place various (undemocratic and unconstitutional) intergovernmental bureaucratic measures, and sought to deliberately embed the sustainability agenda at all levels of the bureaucracy and the executive ([7](#)). In this way, and by bipartisanship, democracy was subverted and the people were prevented from having any democratic influence which could threaten the UN's sustainability agenda ([7](#)).

Why do some politicians claim Agenda 21 is a wonderful environmental program to protect trees, reduce pollution, and even reduce poverty, and yet they unanimously agree it is not a vote winner to be discussed during election campaigns?

The reasons for this are obvious from the above. While the politicians may have been proud of the *stated* aims of AG21/ESD, they were certainly NOT proud of the *true* aims, or the **deceitful anti-democratic, anti-Australian means by which this imported global program has been forced upon the Australian people** ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#), [8](#)).

But isn't a healthy environment a fundamental human right?

Those with an obsessive undemocratic global agenda commonly seek to export control of the environment and climate to the UN. Human rights are no different.

[According to the Australian Human Rights Commission:](#)

“key human rights standards are included in the Rio Declaration and Agenda 21, even though these standards are not referred to as rights. They include an adequate standard of living, freedom from hunger, health care and education.”

Once again of course, these so called 'human rights' involve transferring the power to the UN to control or revoke these 'rights', at their discretion.

How much do all 3 levels of government spend on Agenda 21 related initiatives?

In spite of repeated requests made to various politicians in an effort to ascertain the costs of Agenda 21, all have refused to respond. One difficulty of course, is that AG21 is thoroughly embedded at all levels, and in all departments, of the bureaucracy and government. What we do know is that in the decade following the introduction of Agenda 21, Commonwealth government environmental expenditure exploded, [going from \\$80 million in 1992 to \\$1.557 billion in 2002](#). This of course does not include the incalculable amounts spent in total by State governments and local councils. And since Agenda 21 embraces cultural, social, and economic policies in addition to environmental policies, the true cost of Agenda 21 implementation is obviously many times greater.

Is Agenda 21 illegal or unconstitutional?

Legislating to enforce the dictates of foreign organisations such as the UN within Australia is most certainly in violation of the spirit of our Constitution and our legal system. Additionally, when the people are denied a democratic choice, it also represents an attack on the foundations of democracy within Australia ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#), [8](#)). The fact that our politicians have been able to exploit various loopholes in our system to subvert our Constitution and democratic institutions does not change these facts.

Having said this, there seems little doubt that the Commonwealth, the States, and Councils, have exceeded their Constitutional and legal authority in regard to the various mechanisms they have utilised to enforce the dictates of AG21/ESD upon the people of Australia.

Only appropriate court action can decide definitively.

Why do so many, including the mainstream media, prefer to pretend Agenda 21 is a conspiracy?

Many in the media, and no doubt politicians too, really do believe AG21 is just 'conspiracy' talk. Frequently though, the term 'conspiracy theorist' is very deliberately used to demonise and silence critics when it is considered that publicity would have extreme repercussions. The use of such language by those who have been involved in implementing AG21, and are aware of the undemocratic unconstitutional mechanisms which have been utilised to implement it, is clearly a means of control, denial, and continuing suppression of truth.

But why should I care? How will AG21/ESD affect me?

If you, or your family, or your business, use energy and consume resources, then AG21 will affect you. If you own private property, and if you reside in a modern capitalist country like Australia, AG21 will affect you. As previously noted, the UN will decide what they consider to be [sustainable](#), as well as [unsustainable practices](#), which must either be restricted or cease completely.

Energy and resource usage will be increasingly monitored and restricted. This will result in attempts to modify behaviour by increased costs for such basics as electricity, gas, petrol, water, and usage of motor vehicles. Businesses will face increasing costs for energy use and pollution. And rights to private property will be increasingly restricted on environmental grounds, with land owners facing huge obstacles in order to develop their properties or remove vegetation. Effectively, land ownership rights will be sterilised with owners unable to make desired changes to their own properties.

Of course a huge part of this will be a massive bureaucratic system to 'educate' and monitor all Australians and enforce the requirements of the UN. Government policies have been restructured to embed sustainability into the education system and the bureaucracy, as noted by [David Ellis during the 2012 AAE National Conference](#):

The political campaign to control people through environmentalism is already well developed with carbon footprint calculators designed to analyse the environmental costs of every food you eat, every appliance you use, and every mile you drive ([27](#), [28](#), [29](#), [30](#), [31](#), [32](#), [33](#), [34](#)). These calculators will become even more complex as resource consumption is increasingly restricted by law and will be backed up by monitoring devices such as smart meters which will be connected to an international grid ([35](#), [36](#), [37](#), [38](#), [39](#), [40](#)). CSIRO is developing smart meter technology to control in house appliance use at times of peak power consumption ([41](#)). And new buildings will become more expensive as they are forced to comply with the [Green Building Guide](#). Then there is the Agenda 21 based [Green Globe Certification](#) for sustainable tourism ([42](#), [43](#), [44](#), [45](#), [46](#)). Other spin-offs from Green Globe include the government funded [Sustainable Tourism Cooperative Research Centre \(STCRC\)](#), and [Earthcheck](#) ([47](#), [48](#)). Earthcheck recently acknowledged the 20th birthday of Agenda 21 ([48](#)).

Big brother will be increasingly watching your every activity and controlling your behaviour.

What is the best means of countering Agenda 21 & restoring democracy?

The agenda driving climate change and Agenda 21 is all about global power, deceit, and denial of democracy. As a result, the 3 greatest antidotes to the agenda are national environmental 'solutions', genuine democracy, and increased public awareness of the true underlying agenda and long term goals. While those driving the agenda constantly speak of sustainability, they carefully and most persistently avoid any mention of democratic sustainability, or means by which democracy and national sovereignty may be strengthened.

A proactive agenda, aimed at empowering democracy by ensuring the public are correctly and fully informed, and the strengthening of national sovereignty, is urgently needed. **One of the most urgent priorities of human rights organisations should be the universal application of the right to make an informed vote from genuine alternatives. This includes the right to be correctly and fully informed, the right to genuine choice as distinct from a vote for one party states or bipartisanship, and the right to remedial action if there is a breach of these rights.**

While Australia faces very real environmental problems, these should be addressed democratically by the Australian people. They should not be exaggerated and exploited by foreign agencies for political or financial gain.