**AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR THE DEFENCE OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS**

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**NAPHTHINE’S NEW SCHOOLS : IN HOC TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE**

The Murdoch Press is busy beating up the Victorian Coalition Government’s Pre-Election Spending on 11 new schools. (Herald Sun May 3, 2014) But what is the real situation for the future of public education in Victoria?

DOGS make the following observations

* All 11 new schools are Primary schools in developing areas. There are no new schools for inner city communities where schools are bursting at the seams.
* There are no new secondary schools listed for these developing areas, although Catholic and private schools are available. It seems the Catholic Education Office has no financial limitation to secondary school expansion.
* The new public schools are private/public partnerships. In other words, the taxpayers of Victoria are being placed in debt to corporate enterprises for the buildings and maintenance of their schools for years to come.
* Nine schools are being sold for residential development. The former Oakleigh school is being sold for an estimated $10 million ; the Brandon park Secondary College in Wheelers Hill which spreads over 55,000 square metres is expected to sell for more than $25 million . And the former Gordon Junior Technical School in Geelong is expected to bring in $2.7 million. ( (The Age, May 3 commercial real estate pp14-15)
* Schools are being sold for residential development but where will the children in those residence then go to school? And
* Is the money from the sale of OUR schools going back into the Education budget?

**The Naphthine/Dixon score card on Public Education is abysmal.**

**They should be turfed out at the next election by the public school vote.**

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