

Direct
Democracy

Not **P**arliamentary **R**ule



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CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: 104

***** MONTHLY MEETINGS - CHANGE OF DATE *****

DIRECT DEMOCRACY MEETS ON THE 1st FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

6pm - 7.30pm - Upstairs at 3CR - Community Radio Federation, 21 Smith Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne

New Meetings will be held on:

FRIDAY	4TH MAY	2007
FRIDAY	1ST JUNE	2007
FRIDAY	6TH JULY	2007
FRIDAY	3RD AUGUST	2007
FRIDAY	7TH SEPTEMBER	2007
FRIDAY	5TH OCTOBER	2007
FRIDAY	2ND NOVEMBER	2007

***** LAUNCH OF 'DIRECT DEMOCRACY NOT PARLIAMENTARY RULE' ELECTION CAMPAIGN FOR 2007 *****

MIDDAY - WEDNESDAY 20th of JUNE 2007

OUTSIDE 239 ELIZABETH STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

On the 20th of June 1857, notices went out from the offices of the Victorian Land League situated at 239 ELIZABETH ST, MELBOURNE to call for a LAND CONVENTION to discuss the urgent need for land reform in Victoria. Public meetings were held around Victoria; delegates with specific mandates about the question of land reform attended the LAND CONVENTION from the 15th of July to the 6th of August 1857 opposite the Victorian Parliament buildings in Melbourne. The 1857 LAND CONVENTION was a practical example of Direct Democracy in action. On the 150th anniversary of the Eureka rebellion in 2004, 'DIRECT DEMOCRACY NOT PARLIAMENTARY RULE' was launched in Ballarat on the site of the Eureka rebellion.

On the 150th anniversary of the calling of the LAND CONVENTION, we will meet outside 239 ELIZABETH ST, MELBOURNE to mark this important anniversary and we will launch the Direct Democracy campaign for the 2007 Federal election.

Join us on the day and mark this important event, a pivotal moment in the history of Direct Democracy in this country. The LAND CONVENTION of 1857 was a radical attempt to ensure that democracy reflected the will of the people. In many ways, it is a much more important and revolutionary event than the 1854 Eureka rebellion. The Land Conventionists saw themselves as an extension of the Eureka tradition and adopted the Southern Cross as their symbol. 150 years later, we are continuing the struggle to create a society based on direct democratic principles under the same flag that was first flown at Bakery Hill in Ballarat in 1854.

JOIN US AT MIDDAY ON WEDNESDAY 20th of JUNE 2007

TO PROMOTE DIRECT DEMOCRACY AS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO PARLIAMENTARY RULE.

***** BOOK LAUNCH by Dr. Joseph TOSCANO *****

11.30am - WEDNESDAY 20th of JUNE 2007

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'THE LAND CONVENTION 1857 - 2007 - DIRECT DEMOCRACY IN ACTION'

Copies of this book can be downloaded from the website www.rulebythepeople.org from the 20th of June 2007 or you can purchase a copy for AUD\$10.00 Send 20 x 50cent stamps to:

The Secretary Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule,
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