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Standing Committee on Environment, Resources and Development,  
Tasmanian Hemp Industry Enquiry

The Secretary  
Environment, Resources and Development Committee  
Parliament House  
Hobart Tasmania 7000

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Members of the Development Committee,

Submission follows for consideration by the Committee reference to (b) and (c) in duplicate email and triplicate hard copy form, the Poem. “ **I am Leaf** ” and the “Billion Dollar Crop” DVD.

Tasmanian Poet Laureate, John From’s acclaimed, published Poem “I am Leaf” is for the meditation of all concerned – Life, like a two sided Coin has a third side, the invisible all pervading presence of the unseen Spiritual Reality of our existence.

By mail, the Submission includes the DVD Documentary – “THE BILLION DOLLAR CROP” – with permission from the Producer, though made in 1994, the Facts remain relevant.

Attached are the best Cigarette Papers – Pure Hemp – on the market, contain none of the chemicals used in wood to paper process or addiction added enhancers.

The Pure Hemp socks I wear today outlast all wool, cotton and synthetics, in life and in feel.

The Tibetans lived on Hemp seeds, still their main source of protein.

America sailed to War on Hemp Rope, Sails, and cloth materials, Growers were subsidized by the Government as we should do so immediately.

**Industrial Hemp is the Billion Dollar Crop.**



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Industrial Hemp subsidized should Finance the development of Capital equipment, Co-ops to be formed by Farmers to pool Production. The Pacific Islands can grow and ship to us via Trade Agreements, they need Sustainability of Product and Income.

Industrial Hemp will retrain the Chain Saw People into more intelligent environment productive Skills and a survival necessity – a new old New Industry, Labour intensive.

Clean up the shameful mess of the Logged Carbon Deposits and Creature Habitats and plant Hemp Rows thereon – climate and the Times call for sensible change.

Today the former Mayor of Hobart, Robert Valentine urged the State Government to move quickly in deciding the future of the Hemp Industry.

The challenge for the State is to overcome Ignorance, Fear and the Bullies of the Day.

The associated Fear campaign confusing the Prayer Plant Cannabis with the non THC strain of Industrial Hemp to serve the Agendas of Law Enforcement, Religion & State is beyond insane, it is Criminal. We still have the Inquisition people educating our Young with Fear and Pollute the minds with Medieval sophistry and African Apes.

Eventually of course Cannabis will be Legalized under appropriate guidelines to protect the young, once the Politicians put down their glasses and Nicotine. To continue the Criminal Act of Criminalizing the Healing Plant whilst taking Taxes from man made Alcohol & Tobacco which Kill is hypocritical Political nonsense.

Australia needs a program to Educate and deflect the Negative Self Serving Agendas toward a sensible approach. We don't see the locals tripping into the Poppy Fields.

Call for a FACT Finding Mission to research overseas the Countries where Hemp is grown Profitably.

Solution is simple. Serve the People. Fill the Employment, protect the Environment, recognize now that Intelligence and Common Sense dictate the State lead the way, blaze the Trail and grow and promote and Build the Industrial Hemp Industry.

Sincerely Yours

John From – (Founder)

John From Movement Incorporated February 1998 - ATO endorsed Charity

(Note – John From is a pseudonym used by Kim Lowndes – Dr. Bruce Kimberley Lowndes of “Hillview”, 5 West Street, St Helens 7216)

ENCOURAGE & PROMOTE  
&  
ACT UPON IMPLEMENTATION OF A VIABLE  
INDUSTRIAL HEMP INDUSTRY  
IN TASMANIA



**Standing Committee on  
Environment, Resources and  
Development – Tasmanian  
Hemp Industry Inquiry**

The House of Assembly Standing Committee on Environment, Resources and Development has received the following reference:-

...that the terms of reference are sent to the House of Assembly Standing Committee on Environment, Resources and Development to inquire into and report upon the current state of Tasmania's hemp industry, and any opportunities or solutions required to encourage a viable industrial hemp industry and associated value-adding opportunities in Tasmania with particular reference to:-

- (a) any matters impacting upon the production and value adding of industrial hemp in Tasmania;
- (b) identification of any commercial impediments, as well as any regulatory impediments at local, state or federal government level impacting upon the establishment, appropriate development and maintenance of a wider industrial hemp industry; and
- (c) any other issues incidental thereto.

The Committee invites interested persons or organisations to make written submissions to the Committee, the closing date for which is **Friday, 27 April 2012, by 5pm.**

Submissions become Committee documents. Persons making submissions must not release them without the approval of the Committee. Submissions are protected by parliamentary privilege but the unauthorised release of them is not. The Committee encourages the lodgement of submissions in electronic form. Emailed submissions must include the full name, day time contact phone number and postal address of the person/organisation making the submission.

Enquiries and submissions should be directed to:-

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**Brenton Best MP  
CHAIRPERSON**

SUNDAY TASMANIAN 

## **Push for decision on hemp**

FORMER Hobart lord mayor Rob Valentine has urged the State Parliament to move quickly in deciding the future of the state's hemp industry.

"The benefits of growing industrial hemp promise to be very significant," he said.

He urged the House of Assembly to be prompt and not follow the pattern of past delays at federal level. The independent candidate for the seat of Hobart in the Legislative Council said the industry had the potential to create hundreds of jobs.

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## Violence tarnishes new year for cops on coast

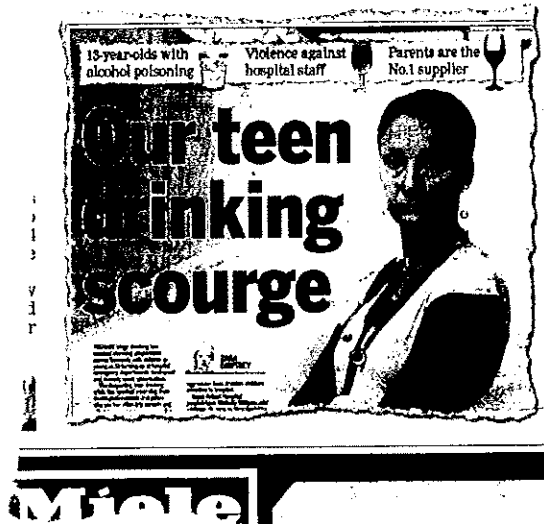
BRIDPORT was a hotspot for police last night as they tried to control teenagers during New Year's Eve celebrations.

Inspector Darren Hopkins was based in Bridport last night and expressed his frustration that many teenagers continued to get out of hand.

"The behaviour here in Bridport is atrocious and it is all alcohol-related," he said last night.

"We are going from brawl to brawl and it ties up valuable police resources.

"In future, I hope that parents will pay more attention to where their kids are because we are sick of babysitting."



## Preacher Pat backs pot

**Richmond**  
US religious broadcaster Pat Robertson says marijuana should be legalised and treated like alcohol because the war on drugs has failed.

The outspoken evangelical Christian and host of "The 700 Club" on the Virginia Beach-based Christian Broadcasting Network he founded says the war on drugs is costing US taxpayers billions.

He says people should not be sent to prison for marijuana possession.

"I just think it's shocking how many of these young people wind up in prison and they get turned into hardcore criminals because they had a possession of a very small amount of a controlled substance," Robertson said. "The whole thing is crazy."

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*"I Am Leaf"*

I Am but a Leaf,  
Floating in a Pond;  
Moving with the Wave,  
Ripples make a Sway.

Are you Duck,  
Calm above,  
Pedal Fast below?  
Across Pond ripples Flow.

Are you the Swan,  
Swimming in your Lake of Heart;  
Always Together,  
Never Apart?

Are you Pebble,  
Physical Instant Splash?  
Calm pond, fell Beyond.

I Am Leaf.  
Fallen, Rising with the Tide;  
Truth Informed Belief,  
Beneath feet of Human kind.

I AM Leaf.  
I know not to mind.

I know what man Does Not?  
I know from What Tree came I.  
I am Leaf,  
Fluttering from the sky

Multi Coloured, Multi Odoured,  
Feed a Thousand Life Forms;  
Canopy to the Earthly Dorm,  
Without me, you be not Born.

I AM Leaf.  
Returning to the Soil, not to be your Oil.  
Awakening, from in the Tree;  
Another Birth in Earth awaits Thee.

*"I Am Leaf"*

Eventually, Spiritual Reality, Immortality.

Questionable?

Be no tree, break law, Ruin Eden's Land,  
Karma comes, Nature's Pan.

I AM Leaf.

Disturb me not,  
Nice, Snug Spiritual Ground,  
Survived, Did Not Rot.

Humble Grub,  
Feeds on Me,  
Harm not the Tree.  
Grub becomes the Moth,  
Repetitively Nakedness Dons Cloth.

When you Return,  
If all Trees do Burn,  
There be no Leaf,  
Beneath your naked feet.

Only stinging Sand,  
By Karmic Law, Demand,  
Destiny Fulfill in Future state;  
Desecrate Mother Land,  
Mortal is the Human Band.

Gods call in Verse,

"It Will Get Worse"

I AM Spirit was in a Tree,  
Where on Earth,  
An Attachment be?

I am in Spirit,  
I am mighty Pan,  
Driven earlier from the Land.

I AM Spirit of the Leaf,  
Slowly sinking, Sad Bereath.

Where rests Gentle Spirit, on Man's Domain?



*"I AM Leaf"*

Man knows not, man's the Same,  
As Grub, a Moth, a Grub Again.

Ten thousand Times,  
Spirit enters as Butterfly;  
Evolving Colours at & of every dye,  
Brilliance, Description does Defy.

I AM no thing,  
Nothing,  
I Have no name,  
Aware Consciousness,  
Spiritual Essence.

I AM individualized as Me,  
In the Tree;  
As Thee.  
As grub, moth, Butterfly;  
Spirit Spore in You and I.

I AM Leaf,  
Rest in me,  
For at the end,  
All be Feed for Me.

I AM Leaf upon,  
Eden's Pond.  
I AM Leaf.

Correct Belief,  
Spiritual Reality,  
Leads to Immortality, Consistency, a Continuity.

I am leaf,  
One Veda from the Mighty Tree.

Ageless Wisdom Abides in me.  
Truth imbued within Tree,  
Await your Destiny.

Stay the axe,  
Know the Facts.  
When you return,  
What will you Burn?

*"I Am Leaf"*

On planes of Ice,  
Greed Created, rolled her Dice.

You will Inherit what you sow,  
Shame, allow the Tree to grow,  
I Am Leaf.

Look within;  
I contain your Medicine,  
I Am Leaf,  
Awake Asleep,  
At rest Beneath pond so Deep.

I Am Leaf.

I AM!  
I AM that I AM, I AM.  
I AM the Presence,  
I AM the Essence.

*I AM,*

I AM within all Man!

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