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@ScottMorrisonMP Morrison is our statue of unempathic neoliberalism - erected by evangelical and corporate Australia to celebrate their victory over compassion, equality and secular humanism.

Hopefully it gets pulled down like the statues of dubious heroes of oppression from an earlier age.



@FionaPearman @ScottMorrisonMP The two-party-preferred system in Australia politics isn’t working for people, and it sure isn’t working for the planet.

@FionaPearman @ScottMorrisonMP My collapse of faith in our democracies isn't an accident. It's one of the central victories of the neoliberal project, delivered through two generations of privatisation, outsourcing and deregulation, underfunding of government services (locked in by tax cuts),...

@FionaPearman @ScottMorrisonMP restricting freedom of information, targeting whistleblowers and raiding the media who report on them, delegitimising and gagging public interest advocacy, and criminalising protest.

@FionaPearman @ScottMorrisonMP Politics in Australia today relies hugely on the fact that most people don't know most of what's going on so as to get away with stuff that couldn't be done under real scrutiny we have seen a clear example of this with the National Coronvirus Cabinet.

@FionaPearman @ScottMorrisonMP Decisions are made for narrow interests at the expense of the common good, and deep reforms necessary to care for people and the planet are shoved off the table.

@FionaPearman @ScottMorrisonMP Even worse, the extreme right capitalises on this by identifying the disenfranchisement and misdirecting public anger away from the real causes and towards some scary "other" ie trans people & "look at the boat People" mentality.

@FionaPearman @ScottMorrisonMP They give people the cathartic option of kicking out, punching down, messing stuff up for the sake of it. The populist "anti-politics" frame is constructed by the right in this context to further undermine faith in democracy and lead to autocratic answers.

@FionaPearman @ScottMorrisonMP Our task as Australian Citizens is to cultivate a new politics, from the grassroots up, that is capable of re-engaging people because it depends on engaging them instead of pushing them away.

@FionaPearman @ScottMorrisonMP It's about seeing democracy as a muscle which we need to exercise in order to build core strength. It's about cultivating ethics & mechanisms of participation, interdependence, interconnection, resilience,....

@FionaPearman @ScottMorrisonMP ...that actively bring the community in, inviting everyone to be part of making the decisions that shape our common future.

@FionaPearman @ScottMorrisonMP Vitally, this is about more than "consultation", or "direct democracy" referenda and popular votes on issues. It's about creating meaningful forums for deliberation, discussing ideas deeply, with expert advice and facilitation,....

@FionaPearman @ScottMorrisonMP enabling people to come up with creative solutions which satisfy as many people as possible.
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