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PEARSON'S OWN 'BUSINESS MODEL' IS THE PROBLEM

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This is rich from Cape York Partnership policy director Noel Pearson:

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Leftists are more able haters than the right. Which is why a communist such as Windschuttle becomes a hero of Australian conservatism in the history wars and his personal history is conveniently erased. Others such as Bolt found a business model.

Actually, speaking of business models, my only question of Pearson is why his own one has produced such terrible results. As I wrote last year:

No Aboriginal leader has been given such lavish funds to show he can fix what these white politicians can't — more than \$150 million over eight years to help just 3000 people at Cape York. That's a staggering \$50,000 for each man, woman and child, on top of all the normal funding for welfare and services; but what has Pearson's Cape York Initiative achieved with all that?

Here's what the Jesuit Social Services Australia and Catholic Social Services Australia concluded last year about Aurukun, the biggest of the four small communities in Pearson's welfare "trial": "Aurukun's deterioration is evident in a range of indicators, including: Criminal convictions (ranked 11th in 2007 and 1st in 2014); young adults not engaged in work or study (ranked 107th in 2007 and 5th in 2014) and unemployment (ranked 262nd in 2007 and 10th in 2014)."

That's a hell of a business model.

It staggers me that more people - particularly Aboriginal activists - do not demand Pearson explain why he's achieved so little for so much, in my opinion.

But I can understand why some many whites are scared to question him, given his too-frequent resort to shouting down critics as racists.

This latest article of his also suggests to me that he's a hypocrite when it comes to dishing out personal abuse:

In my experience, old-style conservatives are gracious and compassionate, able to insist on their principles without resorting to gratuitous offence and casual prejudice. But this has all changed.

It has? I doubt I should take the word of Pearson in decrying "gratuitous offence and casual prejudice", given how the very same article is peppered with examples of both, as well as misrepresentations, in what is just another Pearson rant, without argument or substance or even evidence:

remorseless, self-interested Institute of Public Affairs-style libertarianism... hysteria [of conservatives]... failing to maintain the distinction between genuine conservatism and bigotry and prejudice. ... the incendiary polemic of Windschuttle... his extremism... Windschuttle, Andrew Bolt, Gary Johns and so many more figures started in the left but after a Damascene conversion to the hard right (usually after their leftist sojourns reached a dead end), wound up more extreme in their views than their new associates ... over-the-top zeal... pushing their own victimhood... developed a virulent form of obscurantism among its followers: head in the sand, impervious to reason, and a relentless certitude in the correctness of their view. A pestilent irrationality has taken hold of conservative discourse ... resistant to science and reason ... climate denialism is now a form of cultish religion for Australian conservatives... [Abbott] driving wedges into the electorate for fleeting advantage... vicious ...

And, as always, there is the crude racial divisions Pearson draws - the crude divisions so crucial in justifying the vast flow of funds to the Aboriginal industry, and in silencing those who wonder what all that money has achieved:

... implicitly pushing their own liberal, male identity that happens to be Anglo and white... I tell my mob ... And while we're at it, I will tell my mob of the great value of our Western inheritance. How about Abbott and John Howard tell their mob about the great value of Eastern and Middle Eastern civilisations and, indeed, the civilisation that survived on this continent for 60 millennia?

Forget the abuse and the sanctimony and the jeering and the appeals to racial division.

Simple question, Noel. Explain why all those millions to your project achieved so little?

Explain your own business model.