

BANISH THE BLUDGERS

There is a nation-wide situation which requires the immediate attention of the Australian people and Parliament. There are creatures roaming the streets feeding off the taxes of innocent and hard-working Australians. No more, I say! Let us perform our civil duties in protecting the contributing members of our society. It is time to treat our country like a good game of Quidditch, the only balls we want are Quaffles and although rare and hard to find, Golden Snitches. The balls society neither wants nor needs are, quite obviously, the bludgers. Therefore, the question becomes: 'What to do with them?'. The answer can equally be found on the pitch. Our country must follow the example of every good Quidditch team, we keep them away from our own. Now, clearly we can't grab the closest bat and beat these aberrations away, of course not, this would be incredibly inefficient, as they would simply get up and continue to attack the taxes of diligent citizens. NO, we need a strong, unified, country-wide approach. I propose that a creature accused, tried and convicted of 'bludging' be condemned to life excluded from humanity unless they become able to prove, following a period of reflective exile, that they are willing to appropriately contribute to any society that welcomes them so graciously into its community. However, should a convicted 'bludger' re-offend, they shall be permanently banished from contact with humanity and all the protections a community provides. Post-conviction, the bludger shall be identified with an ink Mark* on the back of the right hand, which decomposes in the beam of a particular frequency of laser, meaning that once the abovementioned pardon requirements have been met, the identifying ink may be easily removed, and our society can be proud of its generous 'second chance program', which ensures that no past offender, who has rightfully regained their citizenship, shall be discriminated against for their former infractions of the law, having proved themselves worthy of pardon.

This comprehensive approach would ensure the safety and security of our country's economic future, by refusing to provide for individual who refuse to 'pull their weight' in society.

To be clear; no individual over the age of 16 will be above this law, a separate policing organisation shall be established to guarantee that none deserving shall escape the mark.

After a convicted bludger has been Marked and Cast from human society, they will be permitted to take into exile what they can carry, so long as it does not exceed ten percent of their bodyweight.

They are not permitted, by coercion, threat or any other means to take with them any other individual into their exile – regardless of any apparent willingness of the other.

Should a Marked and Cast bludger wish to re-join a human society they must:

- Have no prior conviction of Bludging
- Prove a willingness to contribute fairly to society

To do this, the individual shall be subject to a six month confidential probationary period (to protect the applicant from future discrimination should they be successful) in which they will commit themselves willingly and eagerly to a strict regime of 1:3 education to hard labour, as many of these applicants are likely to be under-educated due to poor choices in their youth. These people deserve a second chance, as other factors may have contributed to their predicament. Successful applicants will be those who show willingness and other qualities valued by Australian society, not necessarily established skill or competence – although this is encouraged and applicants lacking in this area will be tutored to reduce this issue.

This program will benefit our society and establish a nation-wide functionality to be envied and replicated by other countries. Australia is in the perfect position to lead by example because of a large land area per capita geography. This is an opportunity to repair our economy, protect the reputation of our country and create an effective, altruistic society.

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