

## I'm Right – You're Wrong !

Today, Thursday 24 June 2010 is an historic day. We have our first female Prime Minister in Australia. The UK had Maggie, India has had Ghandi's galore, and this corner of the commonwealth now has Ms Julia Gillard.

Kevin Rudd, ex PM, has been on a slippery slide for a couple of months. First he scrapped the Environmental Trading Scheme – an election promise, and then he declared that there would be a Mining Super Profits Tax – not popular in WA where we live on mining, and of course in the process he took on the big boys, RIO, BHP etc. who mauled him.

All of the above culminated in plummeting polls and the ruling labour party decided that whereas Kev07 was a winner Kev11 was unlikely to get a second term in power. Accordingly, when I got up this morning, the big news was that Julia was launching a take over and Big Kev did not have the numbers. Kev was done like the proverbial dogs dinner before I had finished breakfast.

So what's my problem with this ? **The Westminster System.** Which Australia inherited from the mother country.

Now I'm not a particularly political animal **BUT ..**

Firstly I am old enough to know that the premise that **I'm right – you're wrong**, which underpins the Westminster system, is a ludicrous proposition. There have to be brilliant minds on both sides of politics that could deliver outstanding solutions if they worked together.

Why can't we just have a government made up of dedicated people that are voted in by the populace and forget the party politics ?

Secondly, the **Westminster System** allowed this to happen. Nobody in Australia ever voted for Julia to be the Prime Minister but lots of people [apparently] originally voted for Kev and 'good or bad' he should have been left to finish his term. Not be dumped by his party.

Which means that Julia effectively stole the job, and whilst I expect politicians to rob me blind, I expect my PM to behave better than that.

**And that's my 'slant on life'..**