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**Truth in Politics**

**Opening remarks**

- Life after politics
- Tony's introduction to Parliament

**The Golden Rule of Politics**

- First Simplify
- Then exaggerate
- Repeat ad nauseam

**Central Thesis**

- We get the Governments we deserve
- Politics reflects the values and standards of the broader community
- Community standards are in free fall

**Pornography**

The depiction of acts in a sensational manner so as to arouse a quick intensive emotional response

- Social Networking
- Entertainment
- Media
- Communication
- Personal appearance
- Behaviour
- Lifestyle
- Politics

**Moral Leadership**

without a moral compass, leaders can be charismatic and influential in a very destructive way

- Moral Compass
  - Principles
  - Values
  - Beliefs
- Goals
  - Purpose
  - In writing
  - Wants
- Behaviour
  - Thoughts
  - Emotions
  - Actions
- Integrity
  - In sync with moral compass
  - Telling the Truth
  - Bearing Witness
  - Keeping Promises

**Quo Vadis**

- Things will get worse before they get better
- Change will arise from the grassroots
- Current major parties will fade or change
- If not then a new political force will emerge

**Add some Sleaze**

- Confected outrage
- Wilful blindness
- Malicious compliance
- When too much hypocrisy is not enough

**Stretching the Truth**

When too much hyperbole isn't enough

- Alcoa
- Budget
- The Howarth 'audit'
- The \$70 billion budget black hole
- 'Demolishing the NBN'
- The Home Insulation Program
- The Building the Education Revolution
- Global Financial Crisis
- Changes to the private health insurance rebate
- Boat people

**Political Lies**

When did a broken promise become a lie?

- There will not be a Carbon Tax under my Government
- The 'Never, Ever' GST:
- Children Overboard:
- No Child Will Live in Poverty
- Iraq Possesses Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Read My Lips, No New Taxes
- I Did Not have Sexual Relations With That Woman
- Core and non-Core promises
- Making a virtue out of lying
- Is a broken promise a lie?