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### **WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE KIDDING MR. HITLER?**

Independent MLC Ann Bressington has expressed her concern over the tactics of the Parliamentary Group for Drug Law Reform, stating they have created a group calling themselves “The List” to name and shame federal politicians “who make misleading statements or inaccurate statements about drug use.” (Advertiser Saturday 26 November 2008).

“Of course the problem here is WHO DECIDES what is inaccurate or misleading, this group who are SELF APPOINTED WORLD EXPERTS. This is a case of ego gone crazy. If they are serious they will extend their scrutiny to all politicians, experts and the like. But then they will have to be prepared to validate their research as well,” Ms Bressington said.

“For example will they take on the United Nations or NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse) or the International Narcotics Control Board or even the Swedish government? This group does not expect to be taken seriously surely!”

In 2006 The Hon, Sandra Kanck (who is a member of the Parliamentary Group for Drug Law Reform) stated:

- Ecstasy is a safe drug.
- The victims of Eyre Peninsula fires should have been given ecstasy to help them cope with the trauma.
- That there were studies citing that marijuana could actually increase intelligence.

“Perhaps Dr. Caldicott and Sandra Kanck can be the first two people taken to task by THE LIST given that Dr. Caldicott has stated as recently as Friday on 891 ABC radio that “his efforts to introduce pill testing have been thwarted at every turn”. In fact he is simply not following the procedure required for any trial by any medical researcher and Dr. Caldicott’s qualifications are in emergency and trauma, not substance abuse, according to the AMA”, Ms Bressington said.

Sweden has taken a very different approach to Australia regarding drug policy and they have experienced the positive results from dealing with drug abuse in a balanced and humane manner. Sweden’s drug use is the lowest in the European Union and much lower than Australia which has the dubious title of highest rate of drug use in the developed world.

“This just tells me that the harm minimisation lobby knows it is in real trouble, so now they intend to indoctrinate by stealth. This is a resemblance of Nazi Germany, the SS and the burning of books to prevent people from developing a different view to

Hitler and his crew. Someone should tell these “experts” that Australia is still a democracy,” Ms Bressington said.