

Comment from Michael C H Jones:

Julian Assange has emerged over the last decade as a great Australian and a figure of world standing such that he is an obvious candidate for a Nobel Peace Prize.

It is very gratifying that he continues to give the "two fingers" to the hypocrites of the Western Democracies as well as the authoritarians and two-bob dictators of other political systems around the world. One suspects that it can only end in tragedy for Mr Assange, but he has made his mark and will be long remembered and revered by those around the globe who genuinely support libertarian values, freedom of information and People's Diplomacy or the Right to Interfere in the profound issues/threats of this era.

Assange's actions are firstly a challenge to Big Government and their Bureaucracies everywhere, and secondly I suspect in the future to unregulated corporate capitalism US style and the Chinese SOE Socialist Market capitalism now spreading its tentacles globally. The revelations of backroom systems, procedures and negotiations have already had a leveling impact on public perceptions of our so-called Leaders - the 'feet of clay' of western leaders in particular is just so obvious - a bit like the NSW Labor Party Government some Sydney residents might say!

It is on this level that Assange is doing a global service for peace. It does not matter whether the information released is entirely accurate - that can be debated by the appropriate experts. What matters is that he is raising the bar of Accountability for our Global Leaders - Assange is destroying the monopoly of information that has allowed the spivs and con-men of governments at whatever levels to prosper all over the world for generations. People's Participation in the decisions that affect them becomes just a little more possible with the continued existence of WikiLeaks. That alone should give Julian Assange the Nobel Peace Prize