

INTRODUCTORY SPEECH

Urabba Parks is, quite possibly, the first company to sell democracy; charitable democracy in particular. Charitable democracy envisions the creation of democratic member-operated charities. These charities collaborate with other organisations to participate in the care space. The difference between charitable democracy and ‘conventional’ charity is the sense of belonging it provides to those participating in it. A person who joins Urabba Parks becomes a Urabbaparcensian. And whether you call these entities ‘micronations’ or something else does not matter. It is the substance of what we can achieve together, rather than our individual forms, that will define our public utility. This Bill deals with a particular issue with our governance arrangements, namely the government of Urabba Parks falling outside jurisdictional divisions.

Quite recently, I was approached by somebody interested in buying the freehold land of the Flandrensian Ecological County of Urabba (late Urabba Street Reserve), proclaimed on 4 September 2022. He probably did not realise he approached me in the lead up to the ‘Day of the No’ on 28 October, which is celebrated in both Greece and Cyprus as act of national resistance by Greek leader Ioannis Metaxas saying ‘no’ to Benito Mussolini’s proposal to make Greece a client state of Italy. Going forward, 28 October is to be an annual Corporate observance in recognition my commitment to retain the territory.

While I do in no way regret purchasing Urabba, and do not intend on disposing of the territory in the near future, it is clear to me that activities conducted in or closer to major population centres are important to lifting the public profile of Urabba Parks. The intended outcome of this Bill is to allow for more efficient governance of both online activities and in-person activities outside Rankins Springs by providing standard arrangements for areas not falling in a jurisdictional division.

The arrangements put in place by this Bill allow for the making of Corporate Ordinances which regulate parts of Urabba Parks not belonging

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to a jurisdictional division. This is important as we move into a new phase of our development that could see activities outside the Flandrensian Ecological County of Urabba and online activities on a jurisdictional division level. This is because under paragraph 122(1)(b) of the Constitution, laws for the government of parts falling outside jurisdictional division are made by the Corporate Parliament. There is also provision for the exercise of executive and judicial powers in relation to areas governed by Corporate Ordinances. The making of Ordinances are subject to the disallowance by Parliament, thus entrenching our democracy in the governance arrangements.

I hope that the coming years will be beneficial to the development of charitable democracy and I commend this Bill to Urabba Parks.

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