

INTRODUCTORY SPEECH

Urabba Parks is, quite possibly, the first company to sell democracy. And now after 10 years of existence, Urabba Parks is finally starting to join forces with fellow environmental charities to advance the cause of independent parks. As I said in my introductory speech to the Legislation Bill 2022 (now enacted as the *Legislation Act 2022*), I had mentioned that when I first purchased Urabba Street Reserve on 10 August 2011, I had a great vision—to bring power to where it belongs, the people. This Bill brings into force for Urabba Parks the Treaty on Corporation and Establishment of the Ecological County (Sanctuary) of Urabba, which I have signed on 31 August 2022. The Treaty intends to grow the worldwide appeal of user-operated independent parks through the declaration of Urabba Street Reserve as an ecological sanctuary of the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis, under the name Flandrensis Ecological County of Urabba. The arrangement does not affect the status of Urabba Parks as an Imvrassian Hegemony.

A lot has changed in my life in the 11 years that I have been associated with Urabba Street Reserve, initially as the owner of the property and now as the owner of the company that owns the property. However, the change that really has mattered in the past decade has been the growing awareness of the need to protect our democracy. The ‘end of history’ that predominated the 90s and status-consciousness among millennials entering the workforce in the 2000s has given way to recurring pandemics, global heating or the spread of despotism. It is clear that we need new ways of doing things that are sustainable, relevant, inclusive and effective. The creation of the Flandrensis Ecological County of Urabba, along with other ecological sanctuaries run by volunteers, will be a step in that direction.

Just think of what can happen if this system of user-operated independent parks becomes a ‘thing.’ Although many think the best thing for the federal work for the dole program to be abolished, before that happens Urabba Parks could provide work for the dole placements that give people real confidence, becoming the true salvation for those

experiencing unemployment. We could produce the politicians, judges and park rangers of the future, we can develop skills, we can fight climate change, we can alleviate poverty, we can bring meaning and belonging to people's lives, we can do a lot of things.

This Bill is not the answer to all the problems the world is facing, far from it. But is an important step in the right direction. By creating the first jurisdictional division of Urabba Parks at our spiritual home at Rankins Springs and promoting it worldwide through the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis will showcase the power of Landcare to be a social and environmental good, empowering people to create a just and sustainable future for all.

Charitable democracy has the potential to bring the changes we need to live in a more peaceful, prosperous and sustainable society. The Flandrensiian Ecological County of Urabba will serve as a model for what we need to do to sell democracy to the people and save the environment.

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