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## DARRYN LYONS GEELONG'S MOST PROVOCATIVE COLUMNIST

## A true conspiracy, right in our midst

I LOVE a good conspiracy theory. Doesn't everyone?

How easy is it to think the world's run by a secret cabal operating from some luxury hideaway on Lake Como? Or the world's population is about to be culled by some mad environmentalists trying to save the planet? Or threats from outer space, world domination agendas ... they're wild but I love them.

I love how they're all so sinister. You must know of the 13 uberwealthy families behind a world government plan — Astors, Bundys, DuPonts, Kennedys, Rockefellers, Rothschilds and the likes.

There's a black pope with a new world order agenda; he's running the globe's shipping and secret services. There's the Illuminati and its assassination lists: Marilyn Monroe, Michael Jackson, John Lennon, Brian Jones, Hendrix ... killing off our stars. Monsters!

The list just goes on and on. Iran, Afghanistan, aeroplane hijackings, insider trading, the everpresent Mano Cornuto goat's head, terror, genocide, diversity, climate, disease.

A good conspiracy knows no boundaries. Everything's part of

the grand evil plan, the great secret game for global domination. It's all like James Bond, Austin Powers, Maxwell Smart and Agent 99.

Funny thing is, despite all the technology, communication, education and science around us, people are more suspicious and superstitious than ever. And thanks to internet trolls everywhere, they're just getting worse.

Scientology is the same sort of stuff. Look at some of the celebs who've fallen for that: Tom Cruise, John Travolta, Kirstie Alley, Kate Ceberano and Beck, just to name a few.

Conspiracy theories love a lie. It's a powerful recruiting trick.

Chemtrails, UFOs, aliens, fake moon landings, secret 9/11 plots, GM crop plots, Holocaust deniers, the JFK assassination, the Utah data centre, Planet X and the hidden sun — there's no end to the monumental bull people will dream up and claim is true.

I love all the celebrity conspiracies. They're sensational. Elvis is

alive, Beatle Paul is dead, Avril Lavigne's been replaced, Taylor Swift's a Satanist, Katy Perry is JonBenet Ramsay, Megan Fox is a crazy montage of 23 people, Miley Cyrus died and was replaced.

My favourite? The claim that

Stevie Wonder's not really blind!

Even madder are the new conspiracies coming out of America. CIA email hacks, wire-taps, Swedish terror attacks, voter fraud, fake news ... and that's from the president, and without a shred of evidence!

If you want a real conspiracy, though — forget any notion it's just a theory — you can't go past Daniel Andrews and Geelong

City Hall. The new council/mayoral model his mob unveiled this week — with fewer councillors but more in the Labor stronghold northern suburbs — is more seethrough than a wet T-shirt contest.

It's all supposedly about Labor restoring proper democracy to Geelong. After they stole it. But blind Freddie and his dog can see it's a blatantly obvious gerrymander to suit Labor.

Does anyone else think it's odd that Labor would be so keen to pinch a gerrymander idea that



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National Party heroes like Joh Bjelke-Petersen loved?

What the new City Hall plans

mean is that it's easier to have City Hall fall in behind Labor plans at state and national levels. It's also easier to have the councillors vote in a Labor mate as mayor.

And that's why I won't be running in this yet another State Government-bungled model of stolen democracy. Bring on the Melbourne model and Geelong, my friends, will fly.

But mainly the whole deal, the council sackings and the new system, has been aimed at putting this little black duck out of circulation at any state or federal election.

They were terrified of me running long before I ever even thought about it.

Talk about paranoid. If only they knew it was only their own bizarre anxiety that ever got me thinking along those lines. Ha!

Can someone please get them a tinfoil hat?

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