

## Anachronistic Nation

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Today the 42nd Australian parliament opened for business; it was notable for its antiquated ceremonial -- not a lot of change since the first colonial parliament in the penal colonies of Australia.

Newly elected members were required to take a book of narrative fiction, the Bible, in their right hand while swearing allegiance to the Queen of fuckin' England, "according to LAW" - give this wild Republican boy a break! What fuckin' "LAW?" The previous Prime Minister and a number of his senior ministers are war criminals - I refer to the Iraq holocaust. They are also guilty of treason, I refer to the institution of draconian laws curtailing hard won civil liberties, freedoms and to laws granting police state powers to regulatory agencies -- which are led by drunken dropkicks, yes Mick, YOU! That is the state of the Australian nation in 2008!

Perhaps we should swear allegiance on a copy of 'Alice in Wonderland' in future; the swearing in of the speaker of the house of Reps was accompanied by an astrological reading of his star sign, Leo - for fuck's sake! If this divorced from reality effort was designed as an expression of informality, it was ridiculous; one can only imagine what other mature nations would make of this cringing, pathetic, little hole in the ground for Transnational mining corporations laughingly called a nation.

If you ever wondered why our leaders fail to confront REALITY and the pressing issues of our time, simply replay the opening of parliament -- and weep!

All is not lost, however, we play by the rules and to use a football analogy; no one expects the lock forward to take the ball from the scrum and score from the blind side - which is precisely why the tactic succeeds!

Infantile, cringing colonialists beware; keep an eye on your (very) blind side - some Australians have had enough!

'I love a sunburnt anachronism  
A land of cringing slaves ...'