

This is a draft proposal for circulation and discussion. The issues raised here arose out of an assessment workshop at Roncon. on Saturday 19th October, and were put together at a meeting at 30 Malleon Rd. on Thurs 24th October.

1. The 'alternative Service' project.

- \* Good points: a) will appeal to ECC's peripheral supporters in the same way as the fast.
- b) offers concrete involvement for our supporters
- c) projects ECC's demands in a positive manner
- d) raises the issues of national service and patriotism and allows us to present ourselves as the 'true patriots'.

\* Possible problems:

- a) beware of 'liberal hand-out' image
- b) workload and commitment - the proposed project will take quite a few weeks to complete.

\* Proposal:

that we conduct the project over the Easter period, during which time the Goldenhuys commission proposals will be tabled in parliament. It is suggested that we draw supporters into a 'Peace Corps', along the lines of CRL's movement 'Ad Pacem'. Proposed project is construction of a maternity wing (or part thereof) onto SACLA clinic. we would pull in professionals and other interest groups, and enter into a process of negotiation with the SACLA clinic committee and other organisations based in the area. SACLA is currently organising funding for the project, and were about to contract the job to an outside company.

*going through community + billing as such in any media.*

2. The January call-up focus.

Because of limitations on organisational mobilisation at this time of year, we propose a limited focus, with emphasis on a day of protest against the call-up. This would coincide with the first day of the call-up. (national focus?) Elements of such a focus would include:

- a) Churches: apparently the churches hold a series of services around the call-up, which we should use to project the ECC demands.
- b) Media: - a 'right to choose' poster goes up the night before the focus day
  - pickets am. and pm. on the day
  - pamphlet drive on or preceding the day
  - stickers (ca. 10 000) to be worn on the day, and to be surreptitiously plucked up all over town
- c) Creative action: - 'mill-ins'
  - protest in chains
  - mass letter writing to the Ministers
- d) Concert against the call-up - to be held earlier in December
- e) Petition - (moms/women) families against the call-up as a step beyond pamphleteering

- f) Launching the idea of an alternative national service, probably in the form of a brochure that can be distributed to organisations as well as a press conference
- g) Schools cadet focus - this would be launched at the beginning of the term, and would pick up from where the call-up focus leaves off. Because of the importance of this issue, ECC should swing its full weight behind the schools programme, with each sub-comm. putting forward ideas on how to raise the issue.

### 3. November/December : what are we doing in the interim?

Points raised about this period:

- a bad time to be organising
- we need follow-up to the 'troops out' campaign
- we should be buliding up to the call-up
- we should be maintaining ECC's presence as well as picking up on troop deployments/state of emergency

Activities that have been proposed:

- a) An expanded open forum picking up on the broader effects of conscription in the white community, to which we would hope to draw many of our supporters from the fast period. Strong audience participation will be encouraged.
- b) Advice Bureau workshop, with emphasis on schools (liason with FAAG and SIG etc.) Suggested date Dec 10th (International Human Rights Day)
- c) Creative Action revisited. The need was expressed to reintroduce a few selected creative actions, eg mill-ins, over the Dec. period. Could be particularly effective with the holiday crowds. Also there are many people who were involved in the NVDA workshops that should be contacted and drawn into further ECC work.
- d) Follow up to TOC - media is producing a troops out/stop the call-up poster which will link TOC with our call-up focus
  - a letter is being sent to everyone who signed the book in the cathedral during the fast
  - culture is bringing out their 'troops out' T-shirts
- e) State of Emergency Response

### 4. Structures

- a) It is proposed that an Ad Hoc coordinating body a la TOC be set up for the call-up focus, and that this will also undertake planning for the alternative service project. The work could either be kept within the sub-comms, or a projects committee could be formed to absorb new recruits. It is anticipated that a large number of people will be absorbed in to the alternative service project.
- b) The creative action should be launched by another workshop. The formation of a coordinating committee is probably unnecessary, but one or two activists should undertake to initiate the process.
- c) All of the above proposals should be thouroughly reviewed/discussed/criticised within sub-comms, and proposed amendments brought to the next general body meeting. It will be important for sub-comms to look at how they can relate to the overall programme with specific reference to problems that were raised around TOC. Another important issue will be to look at which people will be available during Dec/Jan.

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