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The development of further legal protections for the advancement of justice in South Australia depends on a basic political, rather than bureaucratic or juridical processes.

Any policy to marshal a sound political process to develop the necessary mechanisms for instituting public change must involve forging a coalition of community interests.

A balance needs to be kept between the established social institutions that control the course of the political, bureaucratic and juridical processes and the public expectation.

It is a responsibility of proponents for the advancement of justice in South Australia to articulate a strategy capable of effecting one common objective by a concerted design.

It is of prime tactical importance to avoid direct, incidental, neglectful, or inadvertent resort to wish fulfillment, by undertaking a transparent commitment to an agreed aim.

The political reality is that the international rationale for a human rights foundation to the advancement of justice is not the best vehicle to develop for popular consumption.

South Australia has been established under a colonial regime that has incorporated the ethos of resilient individualism in preference to an equitable community development.

For the like reasons it has become problematic to forge a general community coalition capable of establishing effective alliances to promote change from basic human rights.

Also, the capacity for change by developing new policy for institutional justice based on incorporating human rights, prior to forging an effective coalition, remains limited.

The essential pre-condition to achieving significant legal reform in institutional justice is the presentation of a policy for change, capable of capturing the public imagination.

Two community concepts advocating change, Reconciliation and human rights, have no adequate integration and neither has the defined common focus needed for success.

The hard task facing a serious advocate of social change seeking justice is seeing this.

There is a strategy capable of incorporating the required integration of Reconciliation with human rights that has the required track record in capturing popular imagination.

The vast imbalance in numbers of non-Aboriginal South Australians over Aboriginal people, justifies the policy of a concerted design for one common objective in justice.

This may be publicised as the need for the overwhelming numbers of non-Aboriginal people to reconcile ourselves to the rights of Aboriginal ownership in South Australia.

Three policy prongs designed to drive Reconciliation forward in a concerted coalition:

1. Publicising whatever official policy that engages with Aboriginal culture
2. Proposing that Reconciliation discussion support social action for justice.
3. Political action to fund healing based on justice with human rights redress.

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