



Religion in Australian Public Life: Resurgence, Insurgence, Cooption?

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Dear Colleagues,

The failure of religion to disappear from the public realm in the wake of secularisation has sometimes been theorised as a "religious resurgence". An alternative might see the Australian scene as "religious insurgence," in which religious movements' self-consciously-adopted oppositional status vis-a-vis a perceived secular polity becomes, in itself, a source of energy. Or does the energy come, instead (at least some of the time) from above rather than from below, with governments and business "co-opting" religious bodies to serve interests of the state or capital?

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