

Gordon Gecko in the movie *Wall Street*

- Greed is good

- His name no doubt inspired by the lizard that feeds on insects and sheds the tail when trapped - Chicago Sun Times



Bill Clinton

- I tried to walk a line between acting lawfully and testifying falsely but I now realise that I did not fully accomplish that goal



Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

- The louder he talked of his honour, the faster we counted our spoons



Cornelius Vanderbilt

US Steel Magnate (1794-1877)

- **What do I care about the law...
Ain't I got the power?**



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“Other People’s Money” by Andrew Main

- What beggars belief about HIH and FAI, as it does about Enron and WorldCom is their success in applying to accounting the principle, that Goebbels applied to propaganda:

**“ONE BIG LIE OFTEN WORKS
BETTER THAN A BUNCH OF
LITTLE ONES”**



Prof. Kevin Sproats

Commissioner of Inquiry into the Structure of Local Government in Eight Council Areas in the Inner City and eastern Suburbs of Sydney April 2001

- **Councils must look beyond physical and financial capital. Communities are more than good roads and drains and balanced budgets**



John Phillips

former Deputy Governor Reserve Bank

Australian Business Economists Lunch October 2002

- EBITDA: Earnings Before I Tricked The Dumb Auditor
- EBIT: Earnings Before Irregularities and Tampering
- Underlying the humour is a deep concern that something is rotten in the state of Denmark



Paul Coghlan Q.C.

Chief Crown Prosecutor

Crown v Quinn, April 1997

- Is it all that surprising that when they saw the boss hog sticking his snout in the trough that they put their snouts in alongside him?



Wal King

Leighton CEO, on political donations, SMH 12.5.02

- If you don't do it [political donations], there's a chance of getting a black mark against your name. It's like giving your wife flowers



Roy Masters

SMH 9.8.02

- If the figures look fishy, it's just an age-old rort gone high tech



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Henry Kissinger

- **Corrupt politicians make the other ten percent look bad**



Eric Hoffer

American writer & philosopher

- **Power corrupts the few,
while weakness corrupts the
many**



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Ashleigh Brilliant

UC Berkeley philosopher

- I want either less corruption,
or more chance to participate
in it



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Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881)

- **When men are pure, laws are useless. When men are corrupt, laws are broken**

