



14th Jan 2004.

The Honourable Senator
Nick Bollock
Chairman,
Senate Enquiry into
an Australian Republic,
Parliament House,
Canberra ACT., 2600.

The Senate Enquiry,
The Plebiscite Revolution?

Dear Honourable Senator,

Having seen the thirty questions being addressed by the Senate Enquiry to the Australian People, I would like to congratulate the Senate for its boldness in their introduction of the concept of direct government via questions 26, 27 and 28.

The mechanism of plebiscite, as against referendum, is novel for Australians. We are used to the limited scope of referenda. Plebiscites, on the other hand, open an enormous vista for populist action.

The timely introduction of plebiscite will raise public awareness of a unique opportunity for future active public participation in democratic government.

It could end the anomaly that, on a whole host of social issues (a small selection of which appears below) outcomes are determined, by Federal and State Governments, which are at variance with public opinion (as determined by surveys).

The attached list is by way of example.

The writer does not necessarily agree or disagree with them, and is not expressing his opinion on them.

It is quite possible that, in the future, populist plebiscites could be introduced by Federal or State governments.

Heads of State, Local Councils, Special Interest Groups,
Political Parties or even by the Public Media, —
once the Australian Public have embraced the power
of populism which plebiscites bring.

None aside = Public Initiated Referenda.

"Populist Plebiscites" are coming!

Yours Respectfully

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go. See attached list of possible plebiscites.

Richmondism

whether lunatics, especially dangerous psychopaths should be locked up or turned loose with a bottle of pills.

English Language

whether ordinary English should be official, and the "politically correct language", by special allowance, be permitted for private use only e.g. professional jargon.

Local Manufacture

whether "off shore" manufacture by Australian Companies should be discouraged or even impeded.

Overseas Takeovers

whether companies taken over by multinationals should be investigated for job and product losses.

Affirmative Action

whether affirmative action is social privilege or is equality.

Judicial Culpability

whether judges, magistrates and parole boards should be considered accessories to crimes committed by offenders they release.

Sacrosanct Judiciary

whether an oligarchy is the best authority for the application, interpretation and re-writing of law in a democracy, and whether the judiciary should be publically elected as in the U.S.A.

The Death Penalty

Whether the death penalty should be restored for gross crimes - such as serial murder, mass murder, gang rape and terrorism.

Goal Obesity

Whether hard labour should be introduced into goals for the health and occupation of inmates.

Citizenship

Whether free benefits should be given to non citizens.

Secession

Whether social groups have the right to secede from the Commonwealth.

Public Funding for Political Parties

Whether, in view of current public funding, political party leaders (presidents, secretaries etc) should be elected by the public, if not, should public funding not be given to political parties.

Politicians' Salaries

Whether politicians salaries should be indexed to a basic wage.

Migration Restriction

Whether in view of the collapse of essential services in Australian cities like Sydney (hospitals, water, railways, electricity and roads), current migration targets should be reduced by 50-80%.

Expulsion of Terrorists

Whether all terrorists and other subversives should be expelled.