

I refer to the proposed 'Bob Brown Plebiscite'. What an oxygen thief this bloke is! Who was stupid enough to vote him into the Senate? As soon as one hears his name mentioned, you can just about bet your pension that it has something to do with wasting more taxpayer dollars. This proposed plebiscite is a great example of wasting taxpayer dollars. Why has not this issue been publicly advertised? I have seen nothing in the daily press nor have ever heard of it being mentioned on national radio or TV.

This plebiscite invites the people of Australia to reject the existing constitution without knowing what is to be put in its place. What is the point of doing that? As far as I can see, it's just giving the foxy politicians the key to the henhouse door. If passed, it will lead to a period of constitutional instability besides adding to the millions of dollars already spent on this issue, money that should be used in the areas where it is needed most - medical, education, common road laws, etc. Our current constitution is the only thing that guarantees that the people get to say what happens in Australia, not just the politicians. I do not trust politicians. A politician's republic, like the USA, is NOT what we want. Give me a constitutional monarchy any day.

There is only one way to change the constitution - so why isn't it being used? In 1999 every state and 72% of electorates said a big 'no' to the republicans' preferred model - don't republicans understand that No means No? Are the republicans scared that they'll loose again if we hold a proper referendum?

The agenda of many if not most republicans includes the changing our flag - that prospect is a travesty of our historical roots as a nation and the flag under which I served my country for over 35 years.

I note, with interest, that the period for submissions on this proposed plebiscite coincides with the time when Australians normally take their holidays - this fact makes the process very suspect.

Yours faithfully,

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