

Communities in Control 2007

The Great Debate:

“Elected governments - federal, state and local - should decide on community priorities because the only place to influence policy is through elections”

Adjudicator: The Honourable Joan Kirner AM

FOR:

Anne Dunn, Chair of Regional Women’s Advisory Council
Waleed Aly, Spokesperson for Islamic Council of Victoria

AGAINST:

John Roskam, Executive Director, Institute for Public Affairs
Karyn Walsh, President, Queensland Council of Social Services

Song by Anne Dunn

(with tongue firmly in her cheek)

(to the tune of *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean*)

Bring back bring back

Oh bring back our values to you and me

Pollies pollies

Will shepherd our community

Australia is courting disaster

We're facing a catastrophe

We think that the people know better

Than the leaders of democracy

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Will shepherd our community

As people we are easy going

Relaxed we treat life as a breeze

So let's give our polities a challenge

To meet all our priorities

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Pollies pollies

Will shepherd our community

The poor and the weak and the homeless

Rely on our politicians

To make sure their needs are considered

Not passed in the life auction

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Pollies pollies

Will shepherd our community

It's time to stand up and be counted

Get polities that will not be cursed

So we can sit back til elections

And know that our wishes come first

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Will shepherd our community