



Should community values and choices count in ethically-contentious public policy?

Public seminar held as part of the Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law 2010 Conference in conjunction with the Ethics Centre of South Australia

Time & Date	Sunday 4 July 2010 11.30am to 1pm
Venue	Adelaide University, Napier Building
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This closing session of the Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law annual conference is a panel discussion about bioethics policy development which is open to interested members of the public. The theme of the conference is *CHOICE: Who chooses what is ethical? Who should choose? What shapes choice? Researchers, practitioners, politicians, lawyers and commercial interests have an impact on matters that the community might consider to be their choice. How do we ensure the public is informed about and engaged with the work of bioethics?*

Panel members will include Natasha Stott Despoja, former Leader of the Australian Democrats, and experts from bioethics, government and the media.

The panel will explore questions of choice across many settings ranging from the theoretical to the practical, research to application, and law and policy to practice. It will explore the tensions between community empowerment and policy imperatives, and the role of research in ensuring community perceptions and choices appropriately influence policy and law. It will focus on the challenges of regulating ethically-complex aspects of modern life and emerging biotechnologies, and invite discussion from the audience.



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