

---

Dear Committee;

The reasons for the Referral for the Committee to consider are absolutely brilliant and very long overdue. I applaud the Committee members for bringing about an inquiry on this particular topic. There were similar referendums run here in Victoria against the toxic dumping plans for Nowingi, and the Channel Deepening Project in Port Philip Bay which grew in size to include a toxic waste dump. The State of Victoria were about to limit the powers of the Supreme Court with the holus bolus introduction of The Channel Deepening Facilitation Bill, which thankfully was squelched due to public outcry.

The Commonwealth Constitution is not respected at all here; and it's time that the flagrant disregard shown by legislators and many members of the judiciary was brought to heel.

The only suggestion i would make is instead of 'Citizen' the word 'Constituent' is used.

In regards to Reason 5, there is a real need to undo some of the really messy legislation that has been introduced without consent of the people.

Especially the damage that the Australia Act of 1986 has caused. This Act sought to undo Federation and grant Sovereign powers back to the individual states, without a referendum... Which of course, we all know cannot be done.

States now exercise almost tyrannical powers, making laws, and Parliament is now the new Queen! There are two State Constitutions here in Victoria, 1855 has never been repealed in part or whole, just removed from the public record... and 1974 was brought in without a referendum. What a mess.

again congratulations on upholding our Constitution, and for bringing such a monumentally important instrument up for review.

yours sincerely,

Susan E Beveridge