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All members of Australian Parliaments profess that Australia is one of the World's great democracies.

Democracy has been described as government of the people, by the people, for the people.

There is no better way to give absolute truth to this description and our Parliamentary Members' belief,

than to introduce this Bill.

Cost

All businesses, institutions and organisations should exercise the wisdom of investing some of their budget

to ensure sound and broadly determined advancement of their entity, our Nation.

The Australian people have shown their ability to do such if one examines the outcomes of referendums to date.

The cost of conducting a referendum in the age of the internet would be minor when compared to the size of the

Nation's budget and in particular when compared to the savings which would result from the determinations of the people.

Other Countries fund referendums three and four times a year and there has never been a referendum in those countries

to terminate the process as a result of the cost.

National Cohesiveness

When the people speak as one, greater acceptance can be expected of the outcome.

Ability To Make A Sound Decision

Referendum decisions so far support the ability of our people to act wisely and judiciously.

In countries where referendums are conducted regularly and often, it is generally held that the people know more

about the business of the Nation than most elected Government Members in countries where the Governments

studiously avoid consulting the people, the entity the Government is supposed to represent or is it resent.

When people have the opportunity to make a decision they make it their business to arm themselves with pertinent knowledge.

Trust

If you were real who would you trust, a Party powered, power driven member of a Government or your fellow Citizens.

Responsibility

The Representative Body of the people has a responsibility to ask the people, not hide it from their masters.

To not ask is deceitful and irresponsible and does not engender Trust.

Yours Sincerely

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