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The Secretary,
Joint Select Committee on the Republic Referendum,
Parliament House,
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Submission.

I submit that the proposed referendum should be cancelled on the grounds that it is based on a false premise.

The premise I refer to is that the Constitutional Convention was democratically conducted. This premise, of course, it totally false and I cite the following reasons:

- 1) 76 of the delegates (41 of which were politicians) were appointed by the Government which, of course, had a rested interest in the outcome.
- 2) The agenda was controlled by Government through the appointment of the Chair and Deputy Chair.
- 3) ARM and ACM candidates were promoted by Government by means of a nationwide newspaper insert at taxpayer expense. The ARM and ACM are merely front organizations with the same "no - change to the system" agenda.

It should be remembered that the rest of the world be closely watching this no-called "exercise in democracy". Although it cannot be predicted what effect the forthcoming crude propaganda campaign will have, I am confident that the referendum will fail and that a real peoples convention will be organized in the not too distant future.

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