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BY: LACA

Dear Sir / Madam,

With respect to the inquiry into the Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act I request that you present the following submission before the Committee:

I am an aged Australian who has seen a number of Referendums placed before the people of this nation.

I have observed that a considerable proportion of the people entitled to vote have little knowledge of the Constitution, or how Australia is governed. Many lack any interest in these matters.

It is therefore submitted that, irrespective of the processes which may be considered appropriate for preparing the YES and NO cases, in the interests of democracy it is essential that the YES and NO arguments be placed clearly before all voters so that they can consider the implications of any proposed action. In this regard dissemination by internet or email will not suffice, for many aged or uninterested Australians may be computer illiterate or just too bored to go to the trouble of looking up the information and could therefore be ill-informed on the matter involved.

Yours faithfully, Andrew Robertson