

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*This petition of the undersigned draws to the attention of the house, because of our high profile on the world stage, our substantial foreign aid programmes, our growing reputation for assisting other countries when disaster strikes, our commitment to democracy and our reputation for being a reliable friend, ally and trading partner- governments and high profile individuals around the world are increasingly amazed that Australia is not yet a separate independent country with our own Australian head of state.*

*I therefore ask the house to do everything possible to ensure a Bill be prepared and presented to this house for a meaningful referendum on a Republic and our flag, at the next elections, with these seven questions.*

*Should Australia become a republic.*

*Should Australians elect their own Head of State.*

*Should the duties of our Head of State be ceremonial and of vigilant guardianship, with no power to dismiss a Government*

*Should all reserve powers, including the power to dismiss a government, be transferred to the High Court of Australia.*

*Except for necessary changes to our Constitution to become a Republic should the original meaning and wording of our Constitution remain unchanged.*

*Should there be a preamble to our Constitution acknowledging our original inhabitants and their descendants, all who have since come and their descendants, and all that now make up the diverse people of Australia.*

*Should the Australian flag be changed*