

OPENING REMARKS – WITNESS JOHN POWER (SUBMISSION # 119)

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**

**INQUIRY INTO THE PLEBISCITE FOR AN AUSTRALIAN REPUBLIC BILL
2008**

29 APRIL, 2009

- **SUSPENSION OPTION: DEPENDENT
ON STANCES OF MAJOR PARTIES:**
 - 2020 RESPONSE**
 - SENATOR BRANDIS**

- **RISK MINIMISATION OPTION: NEED FOR CLEAR
DIFFERENTIATION FROM EARLIER INQUIRIES, ESP. 2004 SENATE
COMMITTEE REPORT – THE ROAD TO A REPUBLIC.**

- **3 PROBLEMS WITH THAT REPORT:**
 - INSUFFICIENT GROUNDS PROVIDED FOR THE 5 MODELS
CHOSEN**

 - ‘ BLANK CHEQUE’ PROBLEM**

 - MERGER ASSUMPTION DOMINANT**

- **NEED FOR ONGOING COMMITTEE , BUT NOT WITH PRIMARY
FOCUS ON COMMUNITY EDUCATION**