

Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill, 2008

In response to the invitation to make a submission on the abovenamed bill,
I wish to bring to the notice of the Committee for their consideration the following:

- This was put to the people back in 1999 and the people said No!
- Is it fair to bring another vote on so soon just because they the (republicans) don't like the result of the previous vote?
- Such a plebiscite is a complete waste of taxpayers money particularly with the financial crisis we are experiencing at the moment.
- We are about to go into deficit and no one knows how long for!. This would plunge us even heaps further.
- Is it fair to waste money on a plebiscite when the health system, pensioners and the under privileged are in need desperate help?
- A plebiscite would not resolve the matter and a referendum would have to be held in the future. More money again!
- I feel it would be totally irresponsible as well as a complete waste of money which could be put to better use in solving our current problems.
- We need to be looking at saving jobs and supporting our fellow Australians.
- The current system has served us admirably over the years and there is an old saying " if it aint broke don't fix it!"
- Such a vote could divide the country and at this crucial time we all need to be working together to try and overcome our current problems.
- Let's focus on the matters in hand and get through these economic bad times with as little hurt as possible to our fellow Australians.

Would you please acknowledge receipt of my submission.

Thank you.
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