

To whom it may concern;

I whole heartedly disagree with this bill, not because I am anti-republic or against giving people a voice but for a number of other reasons. Firstly the bill has been referred to a Standing Committee on Finance and Public Admin in unprecedented haste, this bill is obviously being bought in using the government's and the Green's majority without the proper discussion in parliament and in the public arena that it deserves. This issue is probably the biggest Australia will face this decade, if not this century and will lead to the biggest changes to the constitution since 1901. Secondly, I object to the question to be submitted to electors. The question is too broad. There are thousands of forms of republics, some I am more inclined to support than others. The question does not address fundamental issues of what will happen to the Governor-General, will the union jack be removed from the flag or what powers will the new President have and how does this effect the Prime Minister's powers.

For these reasons I object to this bill.

Sincerely,

Robert Close