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An Open letter to Standing Committee on finance and Public Administration Parliament House  
Canberra ACT^ See distribution List below.

Dear Sir or Madam:

**Regarding Hon senator Brown's bill to call a plebiscite for determining  
wether we want an Australian Republic and Titled ,Plebiscite for an Australian  
Republic Act 2008. With the Question .Do you support Australia becoming a republic?**

My response with comments following.

{1} This bill is ridiculous in the extreme and premature in time and public knowledge and appears either really stupid or alternatively very tricky in its intent, as can be seen by the total lack of open public debate on implications of such a dramatic and critical proposal and it will be publicly seen as further evidence of the arrogance of our political non representatives. .

[2]Prior to any plebiscite question there must be an extended period of open public debate on the issues of ALL constitutional and crown covenants and traditions that will be effected, compromised or eliminated or in any way restricted by the change of Australia to a republic. There also must be a distribution of printed material that gives a firm and unequivocal undertaking ie a firm commit'ment to retain and maybe even strengthen the principles that protect the people from tyrannical governments. These printed circulars should be distributed well before any such move to hold a plebiscite is made, as failure to do this could be regarded as an act of deceit or even treason on the part of the mover and supporting party.

[3] Public discussion must include all issues that could be effected such as the long accepted land titles in FEE SIMPLE as these were a contract between the monarch of the time and the beneficiary of the title, {note not the state}. What rights will the holder of original property titles retain eg, over water on their properties [already being compromised by Government and far from satisfactory] There is our RIPAREAN rights, what is to happen to those rights must be discussed and democratically decided. And further The right of the landholder to control who enters his property, will they still be regarded as trespassers? There also in question is the separation of powers in the format and working of Government. There is the judiciary and its operation and specified powers. Note these functions of justice and moral constraints have already been compromised by faulty legislation ie, the right to a trial by a jury of his peers, an institutional right that has been seriously compromised by both courts and Judges in the faulty enshrinement of statute laws and regulations in the face of common law, the right to the writ of Habeous Corpus that protects citizens from arbitrary acts of governments and as in New Zealand can be used by person against person ,ref 2006. who may be held unfairly or without sufficient evidence etc./This has also been compromised by faulty legislation in the anti terrorist act 2005, and which must be reviewed and strengthened in favour of the people. It is very essential that this be fully and publicly discussed before any move on the Republic issue

[4] There should be also a serious discussion about the introduction of covenants to protect individuals against the ruthless and greedy corporate monopolies who presently prey with impunity on the defence less public. Also to be discussed should be the strengthening of safeguards against the people by careless governments as demonstrated by the violations that have been perpetrated by over zealous action of past regimes. Also there should be a clarification and a reconsideration of Indigenous Land Title compared to other land title. The racial overtones of the present comparisons are incomprehensible. And there are many more issues that could, no, should be publicly aired in advance.

Finally it will not satisfy the public to just claim that there should, or may, or would not be any good reason to alter any or all of the above. This is not an unequivocal guarantee that ensures anything. Please note that I at least will be vigorously campaigning for clarification of the above before even giving a consideration to my yes vote for an Australian Republic>