

The Standing Committee on Finance & Public Administration,
Parliament House,
Canberra, 2600.

Dear Sirs,

I am profoundly **OPPOSED** to the proposed Plebiscite on an Australian Head of State, which can only be a subterfuge leading to a Dictatorship by a politician.

Countries where it is possible to live a “free and liberal life” all have monarchies, e.g., Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, England, and now Spain (which brought back the sovereignty).

It is not accidental that these constitutional monarchies have enjoyed such social and political stability, having avoided the totalitarianism of the left and right, and remain such civilised countries.

If we must have States, then they need heads, and there is everything to be said for having a head of state above politics, even one chosen for over 1000 years by accident of birth.

Americans made a grave error in combining the offices of head of government and head of state, a mere politician. In recent times, Reagan, Clinton, Bush I and Bush II were all eventually despised. More than can be said of living monarchies, who do not interfere, provide wide counsel, and a balance.

All the above six monarchies have been more enlightened and generous than most European countries towards diverse races and religions, and in this respect they have played a definite part.

Yours faithfully,

L.D. MILDWATER.