

## **Submission in relation to the Republic Plebiscite Bill 2008**

I wish to make a short submission into a very simple reason as to why the committee should not be supporting this Bill and why Australia should not become a Republic but rather should remain a Constitutional Monarchy.

The reason is simple, I believe reasonable and logical. We already have an Australian Head of State. That person goes by the title of "Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia" and is our Head of State by virtue of the fact that The Queen of Australia has vested all of her Constitutional powers in her Australian representative - the Governor General.

Another point I might raise is to ask whether we want the same political infighting that they have in the USA between the President and his (or her) own party let alone his/her opponents? Our current Constitutional arrangements make our Head of State (supposedly) apolitical - a strength, I hope, of our Australian Democracy. As I understand it, the Governor General, like the Queen, isn't allowed to make party political comments. Anything they say or do must be of an unbiased nature and not contain a political point of view or bias. The only time a Governor General can make a "political" speech is at the opening of a Parliamentary session and on that occasion the speech is, as I understand it, written for him/her by the Government of the day. However, this is and should be the only exception to the rule.

Regards,

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