

I am writing this email because of my concern towards the 'Plebiscite for a an Australian Republic Bill 2008'. I hold many reservations towards this bill and believe this bill is simply designed to give the government the power to exclude the obvious question out of a possible referendum held in conjunction with the next federal election 'Do you want to retain a constitutional monarchy?'

The Australian people have already voted once against a republic model once and I believe this bill is a sneaky way to create ambiguous and confusing question for the referendum PM Rudd has proposed.

If you and your government are so fixated on becoming a republic then by all means hold a referendum in conjunction with the next federal election but you must include the obvious question 'Do you want to retain a constitutional monarchy?'. There should be no ambiguity or misleading questions. This would be the most democratic approach.

I once again reinforce my concerns towards this bill and I am appalled particularly at Senator Bob Brown and his colleagues for instigating this. This just goes to show how our politicians are out of touch with everyday Australians and have no desire to voice the concerns of the Australian people.

I support a constitutional Monarchy and the power the Governor General has to watch over our politicians, which is highlighted in the 1975 constitutional crisis.

Regards
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