

Senate select Committee / subcommittee

Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008

The standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

The Senate

Parliament House

Canberra Act 2600

SUBMISSION - RE BILL PLEBISCITE FOR AN AUSTRALIAN

REPUBLIC BILL 2008 NO ..., 2008

I strongly oppose this bill "Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008 NO ..., 2008" and ask that it be withdrawn for the following key reasons

1) Our constitutional monarchy has provided a very workable constitution where power is vested in the crown which is responsible to the people of Australia and not the politicians. This stability, this peace and this unity, since 1901, we do not want to lose, by providing greater power to politicians.

2) A plebiscite is the first step down this track in deception of the people of Australia in that the electorate has no knowledge from the Bill as to what the question will be. How can a true responsible member of parliament of either house

vote on a bill that does not state in the bill what the wording of the plebiscite will be
This is deception

3) How can a member of parliament ask his electorate to vote in a plebiscite when that plebiscite does not state how a republic is organised, how it will function?

This is deception and at the very least misrepresentation to the people of Australia.

4) Can we believe that this plebiscite will only cost 10.5 mil. Is this further deception?

5) In a time of economic crisis all parliamentarians should be highly focused at assisting Australia and Australians in their respective electorates survive this crisis instead of wishing to tamper with something that is functioning well is protecting peoples power and rights

I am sure your electorate would want you to focus on a solution to our economic hardship keep the nations stability peace and unity and withdraw this unwarranted unwanted and deceptive bill.

Yours sincerely

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