

ATTENTION; - STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

REFERENCE TO; Senator Brown's Private Members' Bill entitled "Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Act 2008".

I, David Marina, express my strongest objections to the government's passing of a Private Members' Bill entitled "Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Act 2008".

I do so for the following reasons.

1. The purpose of this plebiscite is to determine by a public's vote whether to hold a referendum on Australia becoming a Republic.

To date NO firm model of a proposed republican state has been put forward.

Therefore it is impossible to hold a referendum - ipso facto - it is thus impossible to hold a plebiscite to have a referendum.

2. The time - public servants, parliamentarians spent and the tax payers' money used would be totally disproportionate to any useful result of the plebiscite vote - unless the republican model was fully presented and understood prior to the holding of the plebiscite. (Even more waste of politicians time and tax payers' money).

3. The present economic situation, environmental issues, especially water, inadequate infrastructure, roads, rails, ports, schools, hospitals - these all demand attention now.

Hope that the Committee formally accepts my submission and records my objection to the holding of a plebiscite for an Australian Republic.

Yours faithfully

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