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The Secretary, Finance and Public Administration, Parliament house Canberra, ACT,.

Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008

Dear Sir.

I have learned by the press of an intention to affect a plebiscite in respect of a Republic.

How can one have a plebiscite if we don't have a question? A plebiscite for what? What kind of republic?

A republic like that of Italy, like that of one of the South American states, the USA [which technically would be impossible. Just what is the question which we are asked to answer?

The people decided they did not want a republic, and did so decidedly. This clearly is a trick. A political trick, seemingly put together in the hopes that the public is too dumb to see thorough it.

Politicians already have too much power over the people, yet they are determined to increase their power still further. If it means having to attempt it by trickery, it would seem they are happy to do it.

If there has been a change in public sentiment, and if the polls are to believe, the support for a republic is falling – especially by the young, it should be by referendum, not by demanding a yes/no answer without there being a question.

I would ask you to advise receipt of my letter

Sincerely.