

To

The Secretary
Finance and Public Administration Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

4th February, 2009

Re: Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill, 2008

I am responding to the invitation to make a submission on this bill.
I want to put the following forward for consideration:

1. In the present time of economic instability we should not, in Australia, be engaging in, what is certain to be an expensive change, a change which is not a critical issue.
2. The whole government focus should now be on ameliorating the way our present behaviours are affecting climate change. The damaging effects are already obvious to even the untrained eye. All available money and energy must be used to bring about change in the way we live on this planet. We are responsible to the following generations.
3. Any major changes of this sort should be by referendum, and the answer was 'No' at the last very expensive referendum.

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Yours faithfully
