

The Secretary,
Finance & Public Administration Committee,
Parliament House,
Canberra, ACT 2600.

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of State

Re Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill, 2008

Dear Sir,

In response to the invitation to make a submission on this bill, I submit the following to the Committee for consideration: -

Section VIII, *Alteration of the Constitution* sets out the procedures for changing The Australian Constitution.

Why is this section of The Constitution being ignored?

It is obviously another attempt to foist a republic on the Australian people.

If a republic does come about by devious means, and I don't think it can be otherwise, what is to become of the people who will not be part of the republic?

This question MUST be answered NOW!

In more robust times, suggestions of this kind of legislative change would be regarded as treasonous and treated accordingly.

Therefore, I submit: -

- The "Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill, 2008" be entirely rejected.
- While discussion may be allowed on changes to *The Australian Constitution*, some things are **not negotiable**; foremost is the role of The Crown in the system of government.
- The Australian Parliament would be better engaged solving the financial problems of the Nation in a manner that will enhance the freedom of all its citizens.

I would appreciate being kept up-to-date on the progress of this Bill and any other proposals of a similar nature.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Louis Cook

28 January 2009