

The Standing Committee  
on Finance and Public Administration,  
The Senate,  
Parliament House,  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to refer to the Private  
Members' Bill introduced by Senator Brown  
entitled, "Plebiscite for an Australian Republic  
Act 2008", and give reasons for opposing it.

I believe that the electorate is too  
ill-advised on the benefits of the Crown  
of the Australian Constitution.

"The Indissoluble Federal Commonwealth  
under the Crown", seems to be disregarded

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with comments that our country is overgoverned by six states, when only the control should be in Canberra. Immediately, here is the threat to my State of South Australia and other States, when a Plebiscite is enforced, and the bias of so many Eastern votes overwhelm us. If a plebiscite for a Republic succeeds, a referendum will seem of secondary importance, violating our constitution, and Section 128 in it.

I have no reservation about having a foreign queen to represent my sovereignty above politics; SO BE IT! Her photo in my hallway portrays more than that of a gracious lady.

My confidence in our constitution is re-inforced by Mr. Jeff Kennett's article, "Barriers on Becoming a Republic",

or to that effect, in "The Australian" (Page 12, June 19, 1995) which is only ~~available~~ available to me by microfiche in S.A. State Library, Adelaide as I am not computer-literate at 75 years of age.

The plebiscite is so shallow, that it does not begin to acknowledge the intricate strategic legality of our precious constitution, which seeking change in Section 128 of the constitution, which is the Referendum process, and not a plebiscite.

Why are we wasting time, effort and money which may be needed for our sustenance to survive depletion of natural resources for both sides of the Republican debate?

It needs little imagination to expect the loss of our precious Australian flag.

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the day after an Australian Republic is declared.

Proceedings of Day 7 of Constitutional convention, February 1998, <sup>and</sup> reported in "Hansard" will reveal that "Apple Computers", "Fuji Photographic" and "Rank Xerox" were subsidising the removal of our Australian flag. Imagine BHP being asked to go to the U.S.A. and doing the same for their flag:

THINK ABOUT IT!

The onset of globalisation and formation of "The Pacific Rim Bloc", and give<sup>ing</sup> way to the will of other nations, more powerful and persuasive, is yet another reason to **DEPEND OUR CONSTITUTION.**

I defend my Constitution and oppose any move to a republic.

Yours faithfully,