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Dear Senate Committee,

I oppose the Plebiscite Bill before the Senate Committee.

Australians should not be subjected to taking part in a plebiscite on a republic when there are many more pressing national and international concerns at this time that our government should be attending to. This is like Nero playing the fiddle while Rome burns.

Our focus should be on job protection. The government should introduce tax reduction and other appropriate means to avert Australia going into recession, not waste our money on pursuing their own republic agenda.

The government may think they can hide behind a global crisis but the buck stops with the ALP government when the Australian people vote at the next election. Kevin Rudd told us when he stood before the people prior to his election that the republic was not high on his agenda. So lets take care of the recession and job losses before we even think about a republic again. The vast majority of Australians are not interested.

Please give us a break.

Sincerely,

Janne Peterson