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The Standing Committee on Finance
and Public Administration
Dear Sirs

There is no good reason, or indeed any reason, whatsoever, for a costly Plebiscite or even more costly referendum to decide if Australia should become a republic. The Australian people have already said "NO" in 1999. Asked a simple "do you want a republic?" question again, the answer will again be "NO". Why cannot politicians take "NO" for an answer? MPs are elected to "represent" voters and there is no widespread or popular demand or request at all from the Australian people for a republic. There may indeed be feelings of support for such, but it is only a tiny minority, in newspapers, showing this and they are often outnumbered by Monarchist replies. A live issue to some MPs, the republic is a dead one to the Australian people. There are far, far more important matters.

Your sincerely