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The Secretary
Finance and Public Administration Committee
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Via Facsimile

PLEBISCITE FOR AUSTRALIAN REPUBLIC BILL, 2008

My postal, phone number and address are confidential.

Firstly I am sorry that my submission is late but there was little publicity on this matter.

I am concerned that in voting in a plebiscite on this important matter that we are being asked to vote blindly. We are owed a duty to be fully informed on proposed model for change. This occurred in a previous referendum and we are owed a duty of care again by our parliamentarians.

I am also concerned that taxpayers' funds are going to be used on this matter. How much do we have to spend on a plebiscite when Australian's are out of work, receiving differing health care and struggling with mortgages?

My submission is against this proposed bill and would request that if it goes ahead then a referendum is used.

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