

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

It has just come to my notice that a Private Members Bill entitled 'Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Act 2008' was introduced into parliament over Christmas 2008.

I hereby wish to place a submission on 'Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Act 2008' Private Members Bill hereunder:

Please allow me to open with the following questions:

The Australian people having voted in the referendum in 1999, what do you not understand about the word 'NO'?

Have you taken into account the cost involved in a plebiscite followed by another referendum especially in the light of the current recession?

Can you list the advantages to me and the people of Australia that becoming a Republic would offer, over against having had a Constitutional Monarchy system working very well for Australia over the last hundred years? If it ain't broke don't fix it.

To remove the power and protection of the Crown and the Constitution through the Governor General and State Governors does not offer any comfort, after the democratic system that has served Australia so well.

When one considers the failure of Republican countries around the world, under the oppression of dictatorial governments, one has to question the motivation of the Member who introduced this bill.

Being a very proud 3rd. generation Australian mother and grandmother, I despair to witness politicians tearing down and destroying the culture, infrastructure, way of life and democracy which has been achieved by sacrifice, hard work and Australian grit. That being the case I call into question the ulterior motive of the introduction of this bill.

To my knowledge there has been no visible push for a republic coming from the people, I therefore regard such a plebiscite as being the product of politicians and mainstream media, who see the benefits for themselves, not the Australian people they are supposed to represent.

I beg your serious mind searching when considering this Bill on behalf of Australian people.

Yours sincerely,

March 16th. 2009