

Ms. Christine Mc. Donald,  
Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration  
Parliament House  
Canberra . ACT . 2600

Re: Inquiry into the PLEBISCITE for an Australian REPUBLIC

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### Submission re Plebiscite

This submission is made on behalf of the Council of " Australian PATRIOTS for the REPUBLIC " .

Also enclosed for the committee's perusal is a paperback "Dawning of a Republic " by Brian Buckley, printed in 1979.

Also attached questions and statements on the Plebiscite supplied by Klaas Woldring from " Republic Now ! " which we agree with.

### A general overview in transforming to the Oz Republic

Our Head of State (HOS) shall be elected with the title, President of State.

The office of President shall be ceremonial , with symbolic powers and functions, which shall be codified. It will not be an executive Presidency , as in the US of A.

The President shall be Commander in Chief of the

Defence Forces, but has no direct control of same. Thus there can be no chance of a Dictator arising, which is quite possible under the current system when a Government controls both houses of Parliament, and also the Governor-General.

There should be provision for a recall and dismissal of a President (HOS), if 5% of the voters demand it, then it shall be put before a joint sitting of both houses of Parliament, requiring an absolute majority of 80% to be carried.

No ex or current politicians, nor ex or current judges shall be eligible for the post of President.

The conversion of Australia to a Constitutional Republic will happen by the office of the Governor-General becoming the office of President as Head of State.(HOS)

Nominations from the community for the position of President and Vice President shall be vetted by a Constitutional Council comprised of respectable citizens, not politicians or judges, The nominations going forward to the electorate, shall be a maximum of 3 persons for each position,

namely that of President and Vice President, of which one is elected to each position.

The Constitution must be re-written in Republican format and must provide for the office of Prime Minister again with codified powers, who is the head of Parliament, controlling the Government of the day, and also the bureaucracy and military.

The Prime Minister cannot exercise powers allocated to the HOS, which will avoid instances of previous PM'S clashing with the G-G'S, and dictating to them.

This was a failing in the current system, because the G-G owes his appointment to the PM of the day, who solely recommends for the appointment and dismissal to the British head of state.

The office of Vice-President will be to replace the office of Governor's in the various States and Territories.

The VP will sign off and give Assent to all legislation plus the proroging and dismissal of Parliaments within the States as they currently exist.

When we do change to a Constitutional Republic, we would retain the Westminster system of Parliamentary Democracy derived from Britain, with checks and balances enshrined.

The most important issue to be addressed is to change the Oath of Allegiance to the British Crown ( a foreign HOS) and swear our own Oath of Allegiance to our great country , Australia., not to any figurehead or person.

We want no risk of a personal allegiance to the Leader (Furher) as with that nut case Hitler, in Nazi Germany.

The Republicans will in the near future start a national public campaign to rescind any previous allegiance to a foreign HOS , (Britain), and swear a new Oath of Allegiance to Australia.

We will take the very important High Ground by publicly declaring our National Allegiance to our Beloved Home and Country , Australia.

At the community meetings Loyal and Patriotic Australians will be given the opportunity to publicly swear their total Allegiance to Australia, even before we change to a Republic , as inevitable as it is.

Those who oppose us in our public declaration of Allegiance will be judged as disloyal Australians who have sold out their country to foreign interests.

The Indicative Plebiscite.

We need to spell out clearly what type of Republic we want, how it will work with the safeguards built in, and at the same time for the community to have maximum unity, because like it or not, , most Australians will want the minimum of upheaval with inbuilt maintenance of security and safeguards.

The opposition Monarchist detractors will try to undermine the Republicans by suggesting they have the High Ground because they see themselves as true exponents of Loyalty to God, Queen(absenteeHOS) and their fallacious argument for Country.(whose)?

We the Republicans must at all times take up and stay on the High Ground as a United Republican majority group, for no one citizen can do a higher thing than to publicly express our Loyalty and Patriotism to our beloved Home and Country, Australia.

The Monarchist rabble supporters who resist our change will be seen for what they are, detractors and the disloyal to Australia 5<sup>th</sup> column seeking to undermine our cohesion and togetherness in our great and lovely country , Australia.

When we do formally change to a Republic, all members

of Parliaments, the bureaucracy, military, judiciary, will be required to swear a formal Oath of Allegiance to Australia, as well as all persons becoming new citizens, and as expected giving the populace at large the opportunity to swear their own personal Allegiance to Australia, and Australia only .

Brian Buckley

23<sup>rd</sup>. January, 2009