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Arguably two of the most divisive forces in our society are politics and religion.

Sadly, once again we see our political masters attempting to divide the nation with talk of a plebiscite and possibly a referendum on our system of government.

Why? Surely there are much more pressing matters at present, amongst other things, the economy!

I can only conclude that there are currently in Government, those who are more interested in being a footnote in history than on providing ongoing responsible management of our nation.

I believe letting things evolve naturally and without promoting discord would be infinitely more preferable than trying to foist a questionable alternative on us, which may provide absolutely no measurable or tangible benefits.

Whilst I am definitely against any change for changes sake, I would hope that you would, during any preliminaries, give a clear guide as to costs and other ramifications involved.

Please, not a distraction for distractions sake!