

Dear Sir/Madam,

Last November Senator Brown moved a Private Members Bill entitled "Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Act 2008". The Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration.

As you would know the Republic Referendum held in 1999 lost both nation-wide as well as in all States. It seems to me as if via this plebiscite the waters are being tested to push for a Republic. Don't forget that the plebiscite will cost us tax payers approximately \$10 million - not including labour and material costs. Can we really afford this in this time of financial concern?

On top of that a successful plebiscite question on Constitution will provide politicians with a blank cheque, to demoralise and to do whatever they can to desintegrate the checks and balances of The Crown that block them from assuming absolute power and authority over the people.

The proper process of constitutional change is set out in Section 128 of the Constitution, which is the Referendum process. This requires the electorate to be properly informed of what is proposed.

I therefore very much reject the plebiscite on Australia becoming a republic.

I plead with you not to go ahead with the plebiscite.

Our Queen has served us Australians all those years. The monarchy, based on the Magna Carta, has granted us a freedom and prosperity, which many other countries can only dream of. Do we really want to lose that?

Kind regards,

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