

Dear Senators,

My name is Nigel Morris. I am the Chief Negotiator of Nigel R. Morris Consulting, a government relations and public affairs firm. I have been asked to submit a few words on behalf of my client the Australian Flag Society to this inquiry.

The men and women of this patriotic fraternity slam this proposal to initiate the Australian Republican Movement's process model. This issue was brought to a head at the end of the last century with the historic vote in 1999. Been there and done that is the prevailing attitude of most Australians when the question of abolishing the Australian Monarchy is asked. There is no time or funds or need for this fruitless exploration of the past. With regards to the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1900 (IMP) it is difficult to believe in this cause as the priority issue. Don't revisit republicanism during the current reign some in-principal republicans are heard to say.

The Society implores you. Do not pass this bill through the Senate. End its life now.

yours faithfully,

Nigel Morris