

Hello, I would like to contribute a brief submission to the discussion on the proposed bill. I believe that in the interests of obtaining an outcome which best reflects the desires of the electorate, the bill should:

- 1 - Propose a referendum on the question of an Australian republic, without outlining a specific model
- 2 - Outline a timetable and plan to encourage and enable the kind of rigorous public debate which will be needed to explore the issues and the various models of a republic which we might consider
- 3 - Propose a second referendum to democratically decide which type of republic Australia should have
- 4 - Only propose the type of referendum that is binding. The circumvention of direct democracy on this issue would not be acceptable to the electorate

I look forward to hearing more about this bill in the future and hope to see an outcome that best reflects the majority of Australians that support the creation of an Australian republic

Yours sincerely,
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