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I'd just like to submit my objection in the strongest possible terms to a plebiscite being used to establish or otherwise desire to shift towards a republic. I think it would be an abuse of process to call a plebiscite, potentially producing a vote of "no confidence" in the present system, without a specific proposed change on the table. Surely it is not enough to claim that Australia's place in the world, or our own national pride or our constitution etc could be improved by making a change which we are assured is good! Isn't it the obligation of the proponent of change to put on the table what the change is? Like how will the replacement of the Queen and Governor General be appointed? How will it affect the reserve powers? what are the precedents and legal opinions on the proposed change. I respect Sen. Brown's contribution to environmental matters very highly, but I think this is nuts. Regards, David Caldwell.