

I wish to make a submission in favour of the request for a Plebiscite for an Australian Republic.

First I must say your link: The Bill and second reading speech may be accessed via the link: [Legislation and documentation relating to the Bill](#) is broken and doesn't go to any particular document.

I was very disappointed with how the last vote on the Republic was manipulated and feel this was a disgrace to the people of Australia in the way John Howard manipulated the structure of the questions to be voted on. As long as this doesn't happen again, then we should have a fair and honest vote by the people of Australia.

I feel that it is time that Australia stood up on its own, and I think the people of Australia were ready for it in 2000 and they're still ready for it in 2009. I would also like a Bill of Rights to be added to the referendum to give more power and protection to the people of Australia.

Thanks

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