

Dear Senators,

It is long past the time when we should be walking the international stage with the flag of another country in the top corner of our flag.. We cut England off from our navels at least 25 years ago, about the time Malcolm Fraser relinquished the Prime Ministership.

As well as our flag, it is long past the time when we should be a player in international debate with the queen of another country as our head of state, and she moreover, with the power to sack our government. Next time Kev and Penny set some weak emissions target (in Copenhagen?) will Liz overturn it? I think we can handle those things ourselves. Clearly we have the independence, maturity and legislative methods to select our own head of state, and equally clearly, if the question is put equitably to the Australian people they will concur by a vast majority.

Come on Senators, get with the community, and let's finally make Australia a republic.

Sincerely, Richard Horniblow