

TO: The Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

I wish to voice my objection against holding a plebiscite for an Australian republic replacing our current form of government led by the monarchy under Her Majesty The Queen. It appears the republican lobby is set on forcing its agenda until the "desired" outcome is achieved. The Founding Fathers created a brilliant set of balances checking each arm of Government as no Republican Constitution could ever do. A Republican system will undermine the democratic nature of our current Constitution and will greatly depreciate the power of the people.

Yours sincerely,

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