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Submission to the Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill.

Submitted by the Tasmanian Council for Constitutional Monarchy.

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SUBMISSION.

The Tasmanian Council for Constitutional Monarchy (TCCM) is a body, which represents various organisations. Each delegate has equal representation.

The TCCM opposes the proposed plebiscite for the following reasons:

- That there is no need for a republic because the Australian people are not demanding one.
- In these dire financial times, the Australian Government and people cannot afford the cost.
- Dr Bob Brown is acting selfishly in that he is pushing his own philosophical and political aims at the expense of the best system in the world, which Australia enjoys.
- Dr Bob Brown, in his efforts to turn Australia into a republic, should pay out of his own expenses any costs incurred in this regard and not expect the long-suffering taxpayer to do so.
- It was only ten years ago that Australians voted on this issue. Dr Bob Brown should abide with the umpire's decision graciously.

- Dr Bob Brown does not show what type of republic he is wanting.
- In essence Dr Bob Brown's Bill is irresponsible and wasteful
- The Prime Minister of Australia has stated that the republic issue will not be considered during his first term of office. Therefore this would be, indeed, a wasteful exercise.
- A plebiscite is not the proper way of soliciting the true feelings of the Australian people on such an important constitutional issue.
- Dr Bob Brown is clearly representing his Green Party's stand on this matter, expecting in his arrogance, the rest of Australia to pay for it and to fall for it.
- The current constitutional system is working exceptionally well and needs no change, certainly not just because Dr Brown believes we do.
- The move to a republic is a grab for more power at the expense of the people, by self-centred individuals, politicians, groups and organisations.
- In a world of uncertainty and instability it is imperative that Australia remains stable and unified. Dr Bob Brown's Bill promotes divisiveness.
- In short we cannot afford it, it is unnecessary and the rest of Australia should not have to act at the whim of a zealous, but a selfish politician as Dr Bob Brown.
- The only way to determine what the people want is through referendum, not a plebiscite, a system that Adolph Hitler used to justify his move in Austria in 1938.

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