



21 January 2009

The Secretary  
The Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

On November 11th last year, Remembrance Day, in The Senate, Senator Bob Brown proposed that a plebiscite be held in conjunction with the next federal election. The purpose of this plebiscite is to canvass the option of Australia becoming a Republic.

I have several objections to his proposal, and I outline them as follows:

- He does not define what sort of republic he has in mind.
- He has clearly forgotten the failed referendum of 1999.
- There is no provision in the Australian Constitution for the holding of plebiscites, indeed the Founding Fathers clearly rejected the concept.
- The only provisions for amending the Constitution are by Section 128.
- He seems to have very little faith in the Australian Constitution.

Many Australian Loyalists, of which I am one, value very highly our Constitutional links with The Crown, and regard Her Majesty the Queen in the highest regard.

We also affirm our faith in the Australian Constitution as enacted on 1 January 1901, when the Australian Federation was constituted. A Constitution which is one of the most successful in the world, and has stood the test of time.