

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

Dear Sirs/Mesdames

The possibility of a Plebiscite seems to have entered the news again and I am writing to lodge my intense opposition to this.

Every now and again the question of a Republic rears its ugly head as seems to be wanted by a VOCAL MINORITY. The press seem happy to help it on its way with frequent items in their newspapers.

In 1999 the question of a Republic was soundly settled by an overwhelming opposition to it in EVERY STATE AND TERRITORY. THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN, so why keep bringing the subject up when there are just SO MANY MORE IMPORTANT needs in our country that require every cent we can amass to try and improve our country and the needs of its people.

So many millions of dollars were spent last time on the gathering of people who tried to decide what type of questions to ask to support their cause and obtain the outcome they desired, all to no avail. This money would have gone a long way to fulfilling some of the needs of our people, so WHY repeat the performance?

How many other countries in the world have as stable a Government as Australia? Apart from Mr. Newman, we have not had political assassinations. The same cannot be said for countries which are a REPUBLIC!!

We are fortunate in having a wonderful system of government with checks and balances to keep us on an even keel, so WHY rock the boat by trying to change it?? If, by becoming a Republic we were to have dramatic benefits, there may be some sense in it, but all I can see would be great division in our wonderful country.

PLEASE do not try and take us down that path yet once again!

Yours faithfully

