

Dear Reader,

I would like to make my opinion known about the private members bill entitled "Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Act 2008". I understand that it has been forwarded on to the Finance and Public Admin Standing Committee and I would like to strongly oppose the motion. As an Australian citizen, I take pride in my roots and, as far as I am concerned, a break with the English monarchy is no less than insulting to Australian history both current and past.

I do not understand the need to change for change's sake. Australia is a fantastic country as it is and the link with its past, in my opinion, only strengthens the fact that it is a significant country in the world today.

If the proposed act was spurred on by any problems with the economy or anything of the sort, changing leadership will have no effect whatsoever and the proposition was only made as a scapegoat to make the public assume that the connection with England is the reason for the problem.

To conclude, if this act was to go through to elections, I would be greatly disappointed. Australia should embrace its past, not try to break free from it.

Also, I am not entirely convinced there are any heads in Australia's political arena with enough respect, reliability or conscience to take up the role the act would provide.

Regards,  
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