



The Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA, ACT. 2600.

Dear secretary,

Re SENATE ENQUIRY INTO AN AUSTRALIAN REPUBLIC.

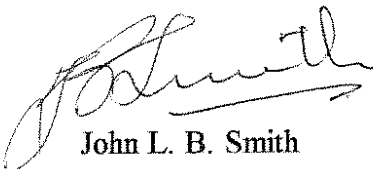
I, John Louis Bulloet SMITH and my wife Faye Isobel SMITH [REDACTED] both place on record our objection to the enquiry in that it does not canvass opinions from the majority of Australians who do not wish change to a republic. We wish it formally recorded that we do not agree with any change in our existing constitution.

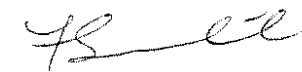
Furthermore we are totally opposed to any plebiscite being held. Neither the constitution nor the law of this country provide for plebiscites and any Government can purposely frame the question to facilitate obtaining the answer they desire.

It is unlikely, from the thirty questions listed upon which the Enquiry will report, and the opinions expressed from time to time by some of the senators appointed to the Enquiry, that an unbiased and well balanced result in keeping with the intent of our Constitution with its checks and balances to protect our nation from change without the overwhelming support of its citizens through referenda, can issue from the Enquiry.

It is only six years since the citizens of Australia gave overwhelming support for our Constitutional Monarchal system of Government and which has made Australia one of, or the most, desirable land in which to live. Why change it if it "ain't broke."

Respectfully yours


John L. B. Smith


Faye I. Smith