



The Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee
Parliament House
Canberra
ACT 2600

Coffs Harbour, 02.02.2004

Dear sir/ madam,

we place on record our objection that the planned inquiry regarding an Australian Republic does not canvass opinions from the majority of Australians who do not wish change to a republic and we would like it formally recorded that we do not agree with any change to the existing Constitution.

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

You ought to consider deeply that the government should SERVE the people and respect and follow the decision of the Australians in the last referendum. It was a clear YES FOR THE MONARCHY. This was again supported by a "Current Affair" telephone poll on the question: "Do you want a republic?" The result was announced on Tuesday 27th January 2004 with a resounding 66.3% NO result.

Why not put the question about an Australian republic to rest until the majority of the people ask for it?

Australia is one of the few free countries in the world left and any change will endanger this precious freedom for which the ANZACS fought and died.

Kind regards,


Robert Rogl


Angela Rogl