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To- The Secretary  
Senate Legal & Constitutional References Committee,  
Parliament House,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the copy of Discussion Paper regarding the Inquiry into an Australian Republic, received last week, which I have carefully read.

I cannot agree to any change to our existing Constitution as the majority of Australians clearly rejected a change at the last referendum, and this push for another attempt at a republic is a waste of tax-payers money and does not take into account the opinions of the majority of Australians who do not wish any Constitutional change. It is a very biased document and undemocratic.

I am opposed to any plebiscite being held. History shows us that plebiscites were used in an attempt to justify some political ambition, these have no place in our Constitution and are a waste of money. Also any Government group can so word the question on hand to suit their ends and so it becomes a dishonest exercise.

We have an excellent system of checks and balances and there is no republic country in the world whose method of Government and election of a president is to be preferred to ours. I hate to imagine that we could ever be subjected to the pantomime of emotional hype, muck-raking and falsehoods that is underway in the U.S. right now and I know many Americans who envy us our Queen and system of Government.

Please record my strong objection to any Constitutional change.

Yours faithfully,

*D. Barnard.*