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| 43. | 28 | Crucial aspects picked up from Malcolm Turnbull at the urinal                           |
| 44. | 30 | Unsatisfactory and a compromise and voted by a minority<br><b>Republican Yat-Sen Li</b> |
| 45. | 33 | Underrepresented groups (non-English speaking) not adequately considered.               |

**Plus 10 quotes from other informed respected republicans eminently well qualified to comment**

**46. The Late Hon. Richard McGarvie, AC, (republican)**

Labor Party Member 1949 - 1970, former Victorian Supreme Court Judge and former Governor of Victoria and appointed delegate to the Constitutional Convention:

"By the time they vote, people will realise how the model would damage essential elements of our democratic system" and "How much would it strain our Federation to have the Commonwealth become a Republic whilst the States are left to defend themselves" Victorian Bar News Winter 98 and "The President would have a greater mandate from parliament than the Prime Minister". The Age 20.2.98

**47. Senior Republican Dr. John Hirst**

Says of the model "an affront to republican principles" and "a blot on the scheme." Quadrant June 1998

**48. Republican Sir Anthony Mason AC KBE CBE**

Former Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. He disagrees with the dismissal of a President "without prior notice and without even the need to state reasons.."

**49. Republican and former NSW Governor and Head of State Hon. Gordon Samuels A.C.**

"It sounds a warning to those who would place the responsibility for dismissing a President in the hands of a majority - any majority - of the Parliament without at least specifying the rules of procedure." UNSW Forum launch 23.5.98

**50. Republican Professor Brian Galligan U. Melbourne Lecturer in Political Science**

"It is not properly a republican model at all." Quadrant April 1998

**51. Republican Pat O'Shane AM Aboriginal Magistrate on the issue of the Model:**

"A monster - an absolute monster" SBS "Insight" 22/4/99

**52. Republican Mr. Harry Evans, Clerk of the Senate, and arguably Australia's most senior Public Servant,** says of the dismissal process "the most ridiculous Constitution alteration proposal I have ever heard of" and "No other country has been so misguided as to adopt such an obviously unbalanced arrangement." Letter 10.6.1999.

**53. Republican Sir Zelman Cowen PC AK GCMG GCVO KSt.J KTer** "I am troubled root and branch by the notions expressed in the dismissal of a president" Joint Select Committee Hansard p.210 6 July 1999. "I think that what is proposed is prima facie very disturbing" p. 216

**54. Republican Hon. Peter Costello** "I do not believe this is an optimal model. I think it is a hybrid on a hybrid. It is a compromise" 1988 Constitutional Convention p. 975

**55. Republican Thomas Keneally AO** "The biggest structural change since Federation" Channel 9 Nightline 18.1.99

**Other Quotes to Remember:**

"We already have a perfectly good functioning democracy..... It's a uniquely Australian system that works well." (Malcolm Turnbull p.13 *The Australian* July 16 2001).

"By the mid 1950s Australia was certainly an independent nation." (Malcolm Turnbull "The Reluctant republic" William Heinemann 1993 p56).

From respected republican Sir Gerard Brennan AC KBE, former Chief Justice of Australia. For 18 quotes from his 18 July 2001 paper to the Fourth Geoffrey Sawer Lecture in ACT, all substantially demonstrating the benefits of our present Constitution and the disadvantages of an elected Presidency - send self addressed envelope to AIDC, GPO Box 2221, Sydney, NSW 2001 for a free copy

**Summary:**

Were you aware, if you voted Yes, that you voted for a constitution model vastly inferior to our present one? And doesn't this emphasise the urgent need for electors, and in particular students (our future generation), to support the initiative of the Constitution Education Fund-Australia in promoting such education?