

21st Jan., 2004.

Dear Sir,

I wish to make the following submission to the Senate Inquiry into an Australian Republic.

I am opposed to any move in this direction and to any constitutional change.

In my opinion our constitutional arrangements work extremely well. The monarchy, by a fortunate historic accident provides us with:

an apolitical Head of State standing quite apart from whatever intrigues and factions which beset us at any time

a lifetime occupancy which contributes greatly to social stability

an unmatched example of selfless public service the ideal but seldom the practise of public servants

the paramountcy of parliamentary representational government.

To consider exchanging these benefits for a system of political intrigue corruption and conflict is a mistake and a retrograde measure.

Yours faithfully,

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