

20 August, 2010

Committee Secretary  
Select Committee on the Reform of the Australian Federation  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600  
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Dear Sir / Madam,

Firstly, may I please comment that I am very tired of secret 'SELECT' committees, that mainly only this government are aware of, meeting to pass secret laws to change our constitution. I am tired of the deadlines occurring when people have other political commitments. The way these committees have been run is SO republican! It's just like the knifing of our elected Prime Minister, Mr. Kevin Rudd. It's un-Australian.

Secondly, the Australian people voted in a referendum that they liked the constitution the way it is. This means that the Australian people didn't / don't want change. Can the 'select' committee comprehend this?

Our present system works well. It's not some British hang-up that we have. It's that the system that we have is better than any other system that has been suggested. Can the 'select' committee comprehend this?

Republican systems are unstable and don't work. There are always political uprisings and 'knifings in the night'. (Ask Mr. Rudd. His demise was just a sampler of what would occur with a republic.)

Please leave our constitution alone and do something useful, instead.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss Fiona Smith