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The Secretary
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

SUBMISSION
PLEBISCITE FOR AN AUSTRALIAN REPUBLIC BILL 2008

Dear Sir.

I consider this proposed Plebiscite (and secretly intended consequential actions) to change our successful Constitutional arrangements of Government, to that of an unknown type of Republic, will prove another blow to the already low trust (if any) the public holds for its politicians.

The purpose and manner of the Plebiscite appears to be nothing more than a devious ruse, to try to eventually avoid / or unfairly influence the required Referendum.

The purpose and manner of the proposed Plebiscite is breathtaking in its arrogance, in seeking to avoid the spirit and intent of our Constitution.

Parliamentary representatives approving this costly, and likely subsequent Plebiscite (s), without choice of retaining our present system, will be seen to be committing a gross breach of trust, of the Oath sworn upon taking office.

There is a simple procedure already in place to make change, if that's what the people want, and that is by Referendum, which our wise founding fathers decreed, to stop amongst other things, the devious methods now being proposed to make the most tremendous change ever to our system of Government.

Vours faithfully.

G. Hasmussen

(Kindly acknowledge receipt)