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The Secretary
Senat Legal & Constitutional References Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA 2600

Statement in answer to call for communications re inquiry into an Australian republic.

I submit that Head of State is not a legal nor a constitutional term.
See enclosed paper.

I submit that the only way to a republic is by revolution.

I submit that there is no need to proceed further with this inquiry.
As an elector, I expect it to be terminated.

Deborah Foster.

(Mrs) D.M. Foster.

The term Head of State is a diplomatic term.

It is not used in any Australian constitutional document. It is not used in the Federal or State Constitutions, in Acts leading to Federation, nor in the Australia Act.

The first use of the term appears to have been under fascist regimes.

In 1901, Australia united in "an indissoluble Federal Commonwealth under the Crown".

The Governor-General, and the State Governors, exercise fully the powers of the Crown, in independent Australia.

The Governor-General is the ultimate source of constitution authority in the government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

H/she is the emanation, at the Federal constitutional level, of the Crown.

When the Governor-General travels overseas, other countries and other governments accord him this status.