

The so called Republican Movement has been very fortunate to have a media magnate who favours a reckless republic.

One particular magnate is not now an Australian citizen.

It is very difficult to have published any impartial information regarding the current system. In fact the situation is often as drastic as that when working behind the former iron or bamboo curtain.

Some trade unions ensure that their members are not impartially informed about the constitution. It is interesting that so many not so many parents are ensuring that their children are taught about it in public schools hence the trek to the Non Government School System.

The public have not been properly informed about the present system which has given checks & balances & values (Gorbachev S B S 0709003].

It took the founders 10 years to complete the present constitution. The list of questions which are short & succinct also indicate that not a great deal has been learnt from the Gabfest 1999.

N B Those writing Ceylon's constitution were advised about the difficulty of electing the Prime Minister & President. The last few weeks of events in that country should teach a lesson. Perhaps some do not want to be taught.

A small committee with non-elected personnel. If this situation is not addressed now we will be in an abyss & Uncle Sam will do a chuckle.

Two grandsons are in our
Clan

Jean M Bell

Thank you for help

S. P
PG Dip (Lond)

ESL Dip

F FAW

Speech

Therapy (NZ)

STATEMENT:

I place on record my objection that the Inquiry does not canvass opinions from the majority of Australians who do not wish change to a republic and I would like it formally recorded that I do not agree with any change to our existing Constitution.

Furthermore I am totally opposed to any plebiscite being held. Neither the Constitution nor the law of this country provide for plebiscites and any Government can purposely frame the question to facilitate obtaining the answer they desire.

(You may then write further as below in your own wording.)

The Founding Fathers created a brilliant set of balances checking each arm of Government as no Republican Constitution could ever do. If the President is appointed by the Parliament, he will become a minion of the Government. If elected by popular vote, he will assume an authority which could well counter that of the Government.

No former British Colony which retained Westminster but removed The Crown has been able to maintain the sort of democratic freedoms enjoyed by Australians under our Constitution.

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