



The Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional
References Committee
Parliament House
Canberra
A C T 2600

Dear Sir or Madam,

With reference to Question 26 of the Discussion Paper on an "Inquiry into an Australian Republic": No. I think an initial plebiscite would not give the Australian people the opportunity of discovering the implications of a Republic. If a model was decided upon first it would give the people a deeper understanding of what a Republic would involve.

I would not like Australia to become a Republic. It would mean a revising or discarding of our tried and proven and trustworthy Constitution which has served us well as our nation developed to greatness. It would also open up a "Pandora's box" of problems as indicated by the plethora of alternatives outlined in the Discussion Paper.

Britain went through hundreds of years of civil wars and internal strife before the present secure and ordered Westminster system of democratic government was evolved. This splendid system of government they bequeathed to us. It would be hazardous to go back on what has been attained, or go forward into the unknown.

Thanking you for your consideration of this submission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Doran".

Robert Doran