

20th Feb 2004

The Secretary
The Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir / Madam

the following is a submission to the Senate Inquiry into an Australian Republic

As a Member of several Learned Societies I wish to emphasise that my learned colleagues, professional peers, family and friends are very strongly opposed to any moves towards an Australian Republic.

It is in fact the height of irresponsibility for the Federal Parliament to even countenance such a change. We would be criminally negligent to undermine the critical constitutional monarchy which is the foundation of the ongoing stability and progress of this country.

Australia only provides a model of success and progress because of this crucial heritage. To threaten our security in a world of very real upheavals, conflicts, chaos and terrorism is deplorable! I trust that this Committee will use this opportunity to definitively distance itself from these subversive agendas.

In a climate of economic prosperity and good leadership from our Federal Government it is too easy to forget how swiftly these fine achievements can be destroyed. The implementation of a Republican program would be a recipe for disaster.

We rely on the greater cognisance of the Committee Members to safeguard the best interests of Australia at this dangerous time.

YOURS FAITHFULLY

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