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The Parliament of the  
Commonwealth of Australia

THE SENATE

*Presented and read a first time*

**Republic (Consultation of the People)  
Bill 2001**

**No. , 2001**

*(Senator Stott Despoja)*

**A Bill for an Act to provide for the electors to be consulted, at the same time as the general election for the House of Representatives, on whether Australia should become a republic and on whether they should vote again to choose from different republic models**



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6 **republic models**

7 The Parliament of Australia enacts:  
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9 **1 Short title**

10 This Act may be cited as the *Republic (Consultation of the People)*  
11 *Act 2001*.

1       **2 Commencement**

2                       This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal  
3                       Assent.

4       **3 Consultation of electors on a republic**

5                       (1) At the same time as the polling for the general election of the  
6                       House of Representatives second occurring after the  
7                       commencement of this Act, the questions in the Schedule must be  
8                       submitted to electors qualified to vote in that election.

9                       (2) For the purpose of subsection (1), the matter in the Schedule must  
10                      be printed on a separate ballot-paper of a different colour from any  
11                      other ballot-papers used at the election.

12                     (3) The *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*, so far as it is  
13                     applicable, applies as if the submission of the questions to the  
14                     electors under this section were a referendum to which that Act  
15                     applies, but the submission and answering of the questions do not  
16                     affect the Constitution.

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## **Schedule—Consultative questions on a republic**

### **Directions to voter**

Write “YES” or “NO” in the space provided opposite each of the questions set out below.

1. Do you want Australia to become a republic?

2. If most Australians decide they want a republic, do you want opportunity to choose from different republic models?