Why should Australia have an Australian head of state?

1) Anyone who holds public office in Australia should be an Australian citizen with allegiance to Australia.

2) Fairness, equality, merit. An Australian head of state would better represent the things we stand for. Our head of state should not be chosen because of who their mother or father is or where they were born.

3) Your voice matters. Australia's head of state should be chosen by Australians. It's wrong that Australians cannot become our head of state and that we have no say in who does.

4) Monarchy doesn't work. Australia should be fully independent. It's not right for Australia's democracy to be subject to a foreign monarch.

5) Good for democracy. Australia is one of the world's most successful countries. We are independent, modern, unified and equal because of our own democracy and people. Becoming a republic would strengthen the best things about our country for the future.

6) Becoming head of state should be something you earn. It should not be something you are born into.

7) We should have a democratic future. While we can never forget our past, having a Queen (or King) doesn't reflect who we are today.

8) Everyone in Australia is equal as an Australian wherever you come from. Becoming a republic will better reflect our unique identity – including our multicultural and indigenous heritage.

9) Our young people should get a go. Any young Australian should be able to aspire to become Australia's head of state.

10) Put Australia first: Australia's head of state should be able to put Australia first in all situations. The Queen (or King) of England can't represent us properly while we share them with lots of other countries.

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