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#### MODEL FOR AN AUSTRALIAN REPUBLIC

The [Real Republic Australia](#) continues to support a model for choosing a Head of State of an Australian republic unfiltered by politicians, says chair David Muir.

Mr Muir said the model for Head of State released by the Australian Republic Movement carried echoes of the “politicians’ republic” rejected at the 1999 referendum.

“The model the ARM has devised appears to be a hybrid that essentially offers voters a pool of nominees chosen by state or federal politicians,” he said.

“In essence it would be a case of politicians telling Australian voters who they were allowed to vote for as their Head of State.

“We continue to support a model that as far as possible eliminates politicians from the process of filtering candidates for Head of State.”

Mr Muir said in coming months the Real Republic Australia would be releasing a discussion paper seeking public comment on its proposals for the nomination and election of candidates seeking to be the nation’s Head of State.

“Our discussion paper will also outline the powers, duties, and responsibilities of a Head of State in an Australian republic,” he said.

Mr Muir said the Real Republic Australia continued to advocate a model drawing elements from the system used in Ireland where a Westminster-style executive government led by a prime minister operates successfully with a Head of State elected directly by voters.

The Real Republic Australia was formed by the late Clem Jones, Brisbane’s longest serving Lord Mayor and an elected delegate, with Mr Muir, to the 1998 Constitutional Convention where they advocated a direct election model for Head of State.

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