

Letter to The Canberra Times

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Dear Editor

I don't know why Robert Willson repeatedly writes (Letters 14 Feb) and tells us that support for the Republic is weak as if stating that makes it true. The polls are not comparable over time given they all pose different questions using very small samples.

The republic will fly when people can vote for what sort of republic they want and choose to elect the head of state. Neither was on offer at the 1999 referendum.

2012 could be a pivotal year. Naysayers should keep their eye on the reaction to the Cornwalls fronting up for the Jubilee events and on Jamaica which should be well on its way to a republic as just announced by the new female PM.

Other important events will be the progress of the referendums on recognition of our Indigenous peoples, the essential first step to a reconciled Republic and on Scottish financial independence. While not seeking to remove Scotland from the union, this could happen eventually.

Check out last years Irish presidential election, a thrilling and truly democratic process. Why did that receive next to no coverage here?

If Australians opened their eyes, they would see that the world is rapidly moving on from its European colonial past and we are being left behind.

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