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Dear Editor

Admirable dedication from the bellringers of St John's church (Bell boy's mission to ring in royal bub p3 17 July) but it is misplaced.

That tradition rightly died out with Andrew's advent in 1960.

Are the bells intended to mark a royal birth? If so, why weren't they rung for the current crop of Danish youngsters who are at least half Australian.

Or are they to mark the arrival of the heir to the heir to the heir to the British, if not the Australian, throne? If so, we need to question why some of us are still trying so desperately hard to be British instead of Australian.

The National Capital Authority's decision to hold an Australian heir event at the carillon is baffling.

After last years renaming of part of Parkes Place as Queen Elizabeth Terrace policy and process fiasco, the Australian Public Service would do well to remember that current government policy is for our country to become a republic, not shore up Section 1 of the Constitution by whatever means.

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