

# BREAKING NEWS - Queen "orders" Australia to become a Republic

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## EXCLUSIVE: QUEEN "ORDERS" GILLARD TO MAKE AUSTRALIA A REPUBLIC

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**In a private meeting yesterday, did Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth ask Prime Minister Julia Gillard not to wait until the 85 year old monarch dies to convert Australia to a Republic?**

**According to a Labor Party source, she did:**

***"Her Majesty was firm and polite and made it clear to Prime Minister Gillard that she would not take it as a personal affront and that she quite understood that the time had come for Australia to become a Republic.***

***"It was the nearest thing to an Order that Her Majesty could***

***make."***

The Queen apparently made it clear that an Australian Republic would in no way impair the affection and special relationship enjoyed between the two countries.

I understand that the Queen has asked Prime Minister Gillard to refrain from publicly discussing the matter until after she returns to Australia, so as not to overshadow the Royal Wedding or Honeymoon or to trigger political and media wars whilst Ms Gillard was still on the soil of the 'scepter'd isle'

It is understood that the Prime Minister has agreed to this request.

It is understood that the Prime Minister will first meet with a small group of trusted advisors (might be hard to find) and only then call a special caucus meeting to discuss a plan of action before making any public announcement.

It is understood that Prime Minister Gillard had earlier (the day before) been briefed, first by British Prime Minister David Cameron at No 10 Downing St and then by Prince Charles at Clarence House.

In an extraordinary departure from scheduled protocols, Prime Minister Gillard was [summoned to Buckingham Palace](#) for a private audience with the Queen — ostensibly to discuss her launch of October's Commonwealth Heads of Government



Government to the next election.

## MORE TO COME.....

She is in desperate need of some political grapple to stave her fall. This 'order' from the Queen may be it.

She will be able to hook herself forever into the pages of Australia's history for something more than the notorious stabbing of her leader, former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

Prime Minister Rudd will be forever remembered as the PM who said 'Sorry' to indigenous Australia.

Prime Minister Gough Whitlam will forever be remembered for his 'because nothing will save the Governor-General' speech.

Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser will forever be remembered for bringing down the Whitlam Government.

Prime Minister Keating will be remembered for his 'banana republic' remark.

I've forgotten what Prime Minister Bob Hawke will be remembered for.

But if Julia Gillard is her Queen's loyal subject, she could eclipse her contemporaries by a stroke of her pen.

How ironical it is – and perhaps sweet historical justice – to contemplate that a migrant child born in Great Britain could be responsible for overseeing the constitutional succession from Britain and implementing Australia's rebirthing as a Republic.

***\* REPORTER'S NOTE: In the interest of transparency, whilst I have confirmed the above information from two sources, I have been unable to find a third confirmation at the time of going to press.***