

On the capacity for the Queen of Australia to be replaced by a CGI avatar



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As some may know, and some not but that's ok this isn't a witch hunt, Queen Elizabeth II is not only the Queen of Great Britain she is also officially to be considered Queen of Australia, she just doesn't live here or come here very often. She remains the head of the state and is a non-political figure above the parliamentary system. She has a series of governors, one for each state, and a Governor-General to do the big stuff in Canberra like carrying out her symbolic duties such as; appointing ministers and judges, dissolving Parliament and giving Royal Assent to legislation. The Governor-General however will only act on his powers under the advice of the Prime Minister of Australia and not who he is supposed to represent, the Queen of Australia, so as far as holding the balance of power, in the event of a rising dictator say, the Queen of Australia is null and void.

So can we become a republic? Yes but it often seems too difficult to rewrite Australian law from the top down. I suggest instead of going through the legal nightmare of trying to restructure the whole state/federal system to become a republic we continue as a constitutional Monarchy. But how I hear you cry will we appoint our own Royal Family? How do we choose? If it was up to the government I'm sure we'd end up with someone like His Excellency Major Philip Michael Jeffery as King, which I for one object to on primarily aesthetic grounds. This is why I propose we design our own Feudal head of state using state of the art CGI and rendering software, just like France's very own fully computer generated talk show host 'Eve'.

All the ceremonial, symbolic functions of the head of state could be acted out for television using actors and community volunteers with the Royalty added in Post Production. The Christmas speech could still be written by a team of speechwriters with a synthesised voice delivering it during lunch on the 25th December. Of course during foreign visits international heads of state would have to agree to be actors in the production of the reception, and if they didn't we could expel their respective diplomats. For all the controversy this plan may bring there's one thing to keep in mind, if we do want our own head of state and we can't bear the complexities of designing a republic, CGI Royalty would be far cheaper than the real thing.