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Now we need God to Save the Queen from Labor and Albanese

Anthony Albanese has upset many voters by appointing an 'assistant minister for the republic', raising the prospect of Australia ditching the Queen as head of state. They are having buyer's remorse already.

The newly elected prime minister chose senior Labor figure Matt Thistlethwaite, 51, to take control of the unusual portfolio but details about what the Sydney MP will actually do in the role remain unclear.

Mr. Albanese has previously described Australia becoming a republic as 'inevitable' but did not mention the issue during his six-week election campaign. This is outrageous. Talk about underhanded. No wonder electors don't trust the major parties.

The shock move, just days before her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee celebration, was welcomed by the Australian Republic Movement. 'WE ARE ON OUR WAY!' tweeted prominent republican and author Peter FitzSimons.

Others called the decision 'sad and reckless'. What a slap in the face for our faithful Queen this is. Especially on the Platinum Jubilee Anniversary.

David d'Lima of FamilyVoice says: "The republic movement has not proposed a system better than our current arrangement. Republican proposals were not presented to the voters as part of the ALP election campaign and it therefore lacks a mandate to proceed.

There is no overwhelming public support to remove the monarchy. It is constitutionally problematic to appoint as one of Her Majesty's ministers of state someone who's ministerial ambition is the removal of the crown from the constitution.

A government that pursues a republic will divide the nation over a futile and huge, expensive distraction. Australians overwhelmingly do not want a republic and made that abundantly clear in the 1999 referendum in which not one state voted in favour of change. Whereas the constitution requires at least four out of six states agreeing".

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