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Australian Monarchist League – Queensland Branch

MEDIA RELEASE: AML QUEENSLAND BRANCH CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION OF AUSTRALIAN REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT NATIONAL CHAIRMAN (Issued 2/11/2010)

The Australian Monarchist Leagues (AML) Queensland Branch has called on the Australian Republican Movement's National Chair Mike Keating AO to immediately resign following the failure to remove disgraceful and offensive comments from the groups Facebook fan page.

Whilst promoting its latest stunt 'Hug a Monarchist Day' one of the Australian Republican Movement's supporters, Alex V Gunther, has added the comment "I'm going to punch the Queen in the head" as the screen shot below displays. ARM has failed to remove the comments.



Australian Republican Movement With National Hug a Monarchist day fast approaching, please remember: hugging republicans can also be fun.
Sunday at 12:29

3 people like this.



Alex V Gunther I'm going to punch the Queen in the head.
Sunday at 15:07 · Flag



Australian Republican Movement Don't be like that!
Sunday at 17:24 · Flag



Alex V Gunther lol
Sunday at 17:25 · Flag

AML Queensland Chairman Tristan Rogers stated "You would think ARM would instantly condemn and remove this comment, but the comment remains, it really is a complete disgrace and reflection upon the Australian Republican Movement".

Mr Rogers went further “ARM and its spokespersons have repeatedly stated that they have respect for the Queen but their failure to act is a damning indictment upon them and really brings into question whether they do respect the Queen”.

Mr Rogers went on “Mike Keating and ARM need to commit to a republican model they believe in rather than cobbling together these shameless stunts which are just a desperate grab for attention”.

Mr Rogers concluded “Mike Keating should immediately accept responsibility for this lack of leadership and resign”.

The Queensland Branch of the Australian Monarchist League absolutely condemns both the comment and the Australian Republican Movements lack of action to censure the author and remove the comment, which are both within their power on the Facebook site.

END STATEMENT

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