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CHARLES: I WON'T STOP AUSTRALIA DITCHING CROWN

Ahead of historic tour, King tells activists he has 'deep love' for country but wouldn't block moves for it to become a republic

ROYAL EXCLUSIVE

By **Rebecca English** Royal Editor

THE King will not stand in the way if Australia looks to replace him as head of state, he has told republican campaigners.

As Charles prepares for a historic visit Down Under, he told anti-monarchists he will not interfere if the people of Australia one day vote to remove him.

In a letter to the Australian Republic Movement (ARM), who had written to Buckingham Palace to request a meeting with the monarch when he arrives on his landmark royal tour next week, his assistant private secretary emphasised His Majesty's 'deep love and affection' for Australia

tion' for Australia.

Dr Nathan Ross added: 'Please be assured that your views on this matter have been noted very carefully. His Majesty, as a constitutional monarch, acts on the advice of his ministers,

