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**Constitution of Queensland and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016**

I wish to comment on the Constitution of Queensland and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016. I endorse the proposed formalizing of parliamentary committees and their roles as well as giving them to ability to initiate their own inquiries without direction from parliament.

However, after appearing at several of these committees I am concerned by the bias that some committee members sometimes bring to the committees proceedings. As a process of gauging community views and review the system fails when committee members attempt to impose their views on witnesses.

In any event, whilst I support this legislation I find the parliamentary committee system a very poor substitute for an upper house elected by proportional representation.

Yours sincerely

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