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Ms Di Farmer MP
Chair
Finance and Administration Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Ms Farmer

Re: Inquiry into introducing four year terms to the Queensland Parliament

Thank you for your correspondence and for your information. I would like to pass on my views to you regarding the proposed introduction of four year terms to the Queensland Parliament.

I believe a strong case can be made to introduce fixed four-year terms. Given the finely balanced nature of Queensland's current hung Parliament, and the seemingly bipartisan support for the proposal, there's no better time to take action.

As it stands today, the method of fixing the election date introduces uncertainties which can undermine both business confidence and public trust in the government.

Increasing the term to a fixed four years both gives a government one-third more time to establish a track record of achievement, reduces the frequency of business uncertainty associated with any election and reduces, while not eliminating, the scope for playing politics with the election date. Nobody could reasonably claim that any of these is a bad thing for Queenslanders.

I therefore support a change to fixed four-year parliamentary terms believing that such a structure will provide Queenslanders with the business confidence, better government and economic certainty they deserve.

Yours sincerely

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