

**Finance and Administration Committee**

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**To:** Finance and Administration Committee  
**Subject:** Response to the Inquiry into the introduction of four year terms in Queensland Parliament

Dear Committee members

We write in relation to your current inquiry into whether Queensland should change from the current maximum three-year term for its Parliament and adopt a four-year term instead. We have considered the various arguments for and against the proposal as outlined in the Committee's Issues Paper. We notice that the Issues Paper did not contain any information about why Queensland originally adopted its current arrangements. In considering whether a change is necessary it is always important to first understand why the current arrangements were originally adopted. Apart from this, we were not persuaded that Queensland, given its unicameral Parliament, would be best served by any extension to the current three-year term. In fact, we think that the Parliament is in need of stronger and more effective accountability processes and that for any perceived faults, the current three-year term arrangement at least ensures that governments have to face the people at an election sooner than what would be the case under a longer term.

Yours faithfully

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