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The Research Director
Finance and Administration Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Re:- Submission 'The Introduction of Four Year Terms for the Queensland Parliament'

At the October Branch Meeting of the Association of Independent Retirees, Capricorn Branch, members discussed the proposal for the introduction of Four Year Terms for the Queensland Parliament. The Branch Members hereby submit the following views in relation to this proposal.

1. The Members give support in principal to the introduction of Four Year Terms for the Queensland Parliament.

We believe this would provide a more realistic time frame, especially for a new Parliament to formulate, plan and put into practice policies in the interest of Queenslanders. This could provide the time for the people to experience the benefits of policy changes, which in the initial instance may not appear popular.

Four Year Terms over the long term would provide for a financial saving for the State when considering the costs for running elections.

2. Four Year Terms would bring Queensland into line with the election practices of other states.

3. We suggest that the Referendum be conducted at the same time as a future election as a cost saving measure.

This could be in conjunction with the coming Local Government elections or at the time of the next State Parliament Election. Should the Referendum be held in conjunction with a State Election and approve Four Year Terms; the Parliament Elected at that time could serve for a Four Year Term.

Yours faithfully,
Arch Finlayson (Correspondence Secretary for AIR Capricorn Branch)