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Finance &  
Administration Committee

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To the Research Director

I attended an open meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee on "Inquiries into possible changes to Queensland Parliamentary Terms" at Parliament House on the evening 1<sup>st</sup> October. At the meeting we were invited to make a written submission. As I listened, the committee was asked questions but there did not seem to be any data on what the ordinary Queensland voter thought.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> as I was leading the Mass and Religious services at Browns Plains Church, I thought to ask the people who attended. After explaining the issues involved, I asked them to vote. I now make my submission as a result of this consultation.

On three different occasions there were 314 adults present.

174 voted for 4 years fixed term

23 voted to retain 3 year non fixed

127 abstained

(For 127 who abstained, 82 of those did so at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass where there was a large number of Samoan present for a Samoan led Mass. But many of those would not vote in an election.)

The people who attended come from the Western part of Logan city. They would be ordinary middle class voters. Most would be working at middle of the road paid jobs or women at home with families. At all these Masses, there was a large vote for 4 year fixed term.

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for fixed term against retaining the present situation.

There were less than a third who abstained but at the 3<sup>rd</sup> gathering – that skewed because of the larger than normal Samoan – maybe –non - voting presence.

Therefore I submit in a group of

**314 voters**

**174** want change to 4 year fixed term

**23** want to stay as is

**127** abstained.

This gives an almost **10 to 1** vote for change. This group comes from middle income people of Western Logan City. I see that as a remarkable and strong assent by the ordinary voters for a change to 4 year fixed term.

Sincerely  
Frank O'Dea