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Issue 1: What form should the statement in the preamble to give due recognition to Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people take?

Absolutely none what so ever. A preamble to the state constitution is a complete and utter waste of time and effort. Most people don't even know that there is a Queensland constitution and probably couldn't care less about it. A preamble as proposed can only have two functions. One is to perpetuate the objectives of the sorry industry. I have seen this insidious social cancer creeping into various aspects of civil society and quite frankly, I have had enough. It is bad enough that the premier wants to tug the bad while fella forelock and support the myth of the noble savage, but to see that it is official government protocol and to find out that my own union president has unilaterally introduced such tripe into meetings of union council, just really pisses me off. The other objective is even worse in that it is a screen of insincerity. Indigenous welfare has been a state based disaster for years, and it is not necessarily the fault of the various state's governments. What a lot of crap it is to think that one could put some sort of 'official bandaid' over the matter and expect it to be all right. My aboriginal relatives are really annoyed by this idea.

Issue 2: What should be included in the aspirational statement which will be in the preamble?

Absolutely nothing, as there is no need for such a preamble. Lets get over the idea of political correctness being a good thing. If it wasn't for the political correctness in vogue during the 1990's, then Pauline Hanson would never have risen to the prominence that she attained. It may make the premier feel good about herself, but in the end nothing will be achieved as per usual.

Issue 2.1: Should there be a reference to the origins or history of the Constitution in the preamble?

No. What a load of crap. Sorry about the language, but at least the committee members will clearly understand my feelings as regards this matter.

Issue 2.2: Should the preamble refer to the sovereignty of the people and, if so, how?

No. Lets just use a good dose of the KISS principle. KEEP IT SIMPLE, STUPID.

Issue 2.3: Should the preamble refer to God and, if so, how?

God or the belief in some deity has been the root cause of more misery in human history than what it is worth. Having such a reference is bound to offend someone and is definitely an affront to ardent atheists such as myself. Keep religion out of politics. But seeing as the vast majority of Queenslanders don't give a rat's arse about the state constitution, who the hell is going to see it anyway.

Issue 2.4: Should the preamble recognise cultural diversity and, if so, how?

No. KISS as before.

Issue 2.5: Should the preamble recognise the rule of law and, if so, how?

Laws are not always good and the rule of law seems to not always apply to the rich or the clever. What law? Common Law or Codified Law. How about mentioning a right to strike for instance. What a lot of crap.

Issue 2.6: Should the preamble refer to 'equality' and, if so, how?

Depends what you mean by equality. Let's not kid ourselves here. Equality for who???

Issue 2.7: Should the preamble recognise the system of government the Constitution establishes and, if so, how and to what extent?

Whoever came up with this nonsense just doesn't seem to have a grip on reality. NO PREAMBLE!

Issue 2.8: Should the preamble refer to the environment and, if so, how?

NO PREAMBLE. Get over it and stop flogging this dead horse!

Issue 2.9: Should the preamble contain any other elements and, if so, what should they be?

How about some enforceable statement regarding honesty in politics? That would really be something worthwhile to see in action

Issue 3: Can a preamble be included in the Constitution of Queensland 2001 and not be able to be used as an aid in statutory interpretation? If so, what is needed to ensure that the preamble does not include information which can be used as an aid in any statutory interpretation of the Constitution of Queensland 2001?

Hello, you are not listening. NO PREAMBLE.

Issue 4: Is it desirable that there be a preamble in the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*? If so, should the Queensland community be further consulted on the issue of a preamble? What form should any such further consultation take? Should any preamble be inserted by Act of the Parliament alone, or should a referendum first be held? When is the appropriate time for the adoption of a preamble?

No, Not needed and who cares, not required, don't worry about it and never, in that order.

What specific wording or matters should the preamble contain?

NO BLOODY PREAMBLE. IT IS A TOTAL WANK IN ORDER TO MAKE SOME SECTIONS OF SOCIETY FEEL GOOD AND GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT THOSE SAME SECTIONS OF SOCIETY GIVE A HOOT. IF THEY REALLY WERE INTERESTED IN PAYING MORE THAN LIP SERVICE, THEN I AM SURE THAT THERE ARE SOME OTHER REALLY USEFUL WAYS THAT WOULD ACHIEVE MORE AND PISS ME OFF LESS. STOP THE CANCER OF THE SORRY INDUSTRY BEFORE IT GETS OUT OF CONTROL!!!