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Submission on Preamble for the Queensland Constitution

There is no need for a Preamble to the above Constitution.

The reasons and decisions for there being no Preamble that were made back in June 2004 still apply.

Furthermore, as Kevin Rudd has apologised to the Aboriginal &Torres Strait people on behalf of the Australian people, this matter is now closed. Everyone should move on and stop living in the past.

The larger diverse ancestry of Queenslands's current population has altered many things.

It would be hypocritical to mouth off about 'respect to the land' when it is obvious Governments of all levels, <u>do not!</u> Developers are given permission to wipe out bushland, low land and minor waterways all in the name of progress, regardless of the environmental sustainability of projects.

A Preamble would open a can of worms for litigation and excuses for bad behaviour.

The Queensland Constitution should be able to stand on its own, without a Preamble. If it doesn't, it is not worth the paper it is written on.

Australia is an independent country and Queensland its own identity within, we should not copy any other country's Constitution.

A final decision whether a Preamble should be included should rightly go to the people as a Referendum where every voting citizen is aware of the reason for holding it.

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Attached is my Submission to the above Issues Paper.

My full details are shown on the Submission.

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