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The Research Director
Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Sir

RE - Submission - A Preamble for the Queensland Constitution

The Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. is pleased to make this submission to the Committee to assist with its task of drafting a Preamble to the Queensland Constitution, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Queensland.

The Association also believes that the preamble should reflect the contribution that local government has made and continues to make to our State - its progress, development, economy and culture.

Recognising that the Queensland Constitution includes a chapter relating to local government, which establishes the framework and existence of local government, the Association believes that the important role played by local government in Queensland's governance and affairs should be reflected in this important amendment to the Constitution.

In doing so, the Association also fully supports the proposal that the Preamble should give due recognition to Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

It is also noted that the intent of the proposed preamble is that it will have no legal effect, and will not be used to interpret the Queensland Constitution or any other law.

Accordingly, the Association offers the following for inclusion in the Preamble, which is derived from the resolution passed by the Australian House of Representatives and the Senate in October 2006:

We the people of Queensland

(1) recognise that local government is part of the governance of Queensland, serving communities through locally elected councils;

(2) value the rich diversity of councils around Queensland, reflecting the varied communities they serve;



(3) acknowledge the role of local government in governance, advocacy, and the provision of infrastructure, service delivery, planning, community development and regulation;

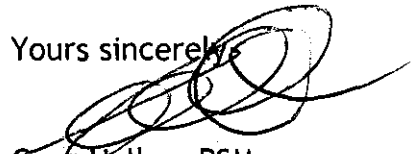
(4) acknowledge the importance of cooperating with and consulting with local government on the priorities of their local communities;

(5) acknowledge the significant Queensland Government funding that is provided to local government to spend on locally determined priorities, such as roads and other local government services; and

(6) commend local government elected officials who give their time to serve their communities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further detail or information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Hallam', written over the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

Greg Hallam PSM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR