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The Archbishop of Brisbane
The Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall

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COMMITTEE

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Ms Barbara Stone MP
Chair
Legal Constitutional and Administrative
Review Committee
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Dear Ms Stone

Thank you for your letter of 7th May calling for submissions for the proposed preamble to the Queensland Constitution and modernization of oaths and affirmations. On behalf of Archbishop Aspinall I advise that the diocese will not be making a submission due to the very short period between the call for submissions and the closing date of 18th May. When the Review Committee called for similar submissions in 2008 the amount of time given for their preparation was also not enough to prepare a considered response to an issue that is, in our opinion, both contentious and legally complex.

The diocese would be very happy to make a submission if additional time was available given that, in this instance, the terms of reference have been broadened to include the modernization of oaths and affirmations.

I wish the Committee well as it considers these issues but request that more time be given for preparation when submissions are called in the future.

Yours sincerely

The Right Reverend Geoff Smith
Archbishop's Commisary