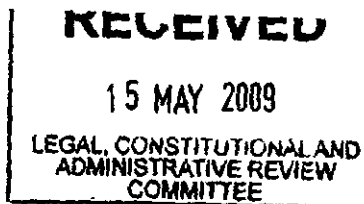


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Ms Barbara Stone MP
Chair
Legal, Constitutional and Administrative
Review Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Ms Stone

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS – A PREAMBLE FOR THE QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION AND
MODERNISATION OF OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS**

Thank you for your letter dated 7 May 2009 in which you advised that the Committee is seeking submissions from the public on what should be included in a proposed preamble to the Queensland Constitution and how oaths and affirmations could be modernised.

By letter dated 19 February 2009, I wrote to the then Chair of the Committee advising that I did not have any particular views I wished to advance, in my capacity as Ombudsman, on the proposed preamble to the Queensland Constitution. My views remain unchanged and I do not wish to provide a submission on this matter.

In relation to the new referral for the Committee to develop options for modernising the oaths or affirmations of allegiance, I also have no views that I wish to advance.

I wish you and the Committee well with your project.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Bevan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

David Bevan
Queensland Ombudsman