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Attention: Committee secretariat

As per our phone conversation, please find a copy of my submission. The original is in the mail to you.

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Legal, Constitutional & Administrative
Review Committee
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RE: Preamble and Oaths and Affirmations

Preamble 1

QUEENSLAND, By the grace of God, Sovereign State and of the Commonwealth of Australia, a Democracy with it's own and a federal system of Government, ensuring service to its people and to the common good and protection of their rights to freedom and liberty limited only by the rights of others and by the just requirements of its laws and those of the Commonwealth of Australia, without distinction of any kind such as race, gender, language, religion, political or other opinion, to life and the security of person, to recognition, equality and protection before those laws without any discrimination, to respect for traditional values of morality, marriage, parenthood, the unborn and of all children, ensuring equal opportunity of all its people in all areas of honest endeavour, care of and concern for the aged, disabled, the poor and the needy, the weak and the downtrodden, the right to work, to free choice of employment and to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment, human dignity, to rest and leisure and reasonable conditions of work in hours and holidays, tolerance and understanding and compassion for the disadvantaged **AND ACKNOWLEDGING with sincere gratitude the contributions to its establishment, growth, general improvement and well-being by the State's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and its settlement and development by our forebears and its protection in War and Peace by the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, particularly those who gave their lives in its cause and recognising the tribal laws Applicable to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.**

WE, THE PEOPLE OF QUEENSLAND, WITH HOPE IN GOD, COMMIT OURSELVES TO THIS CONSTITUTION.

Preamble 2

An alternative preamble based on the preamble proposed by the QCRC would be:-

Since the Australia Acts 1986 no law made by the Parliament of the United Kingdom shall extend to the State of Queensland.

Previously the Parliament of the United Kingdom was the ultimate authority for the Acts, Laws and Documents relating to the Constitution of the State of Queensland.

We, the people of Queensland wish to continue as free and equal citizens under the Rule of Law, and to be governed in accordance with the democratic process contained in this Constitution.

And being within the federal Commonwealth of Australia, we recognise we are subject also to its Constitution.

In a spirit of reconciliation, we recognise the continuing contribution of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional owners of this land and we acknowledge their tribal laws passed down by their elders.

We declare that we respect the equality of all persons under the law, regardless of class, faith, gender, origin or race, and recognise the contribution they make to the State of Queensland.

We declare that we respect the land and the environment we all share.

Oaths and Affirmations

The following working could be added as an optional paragraph in most of the oaths or affirmations:-

“I acknowledge the traditional owners and their tribal laws.”

Yours faithfully,



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