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Ms Barbara Stone  
Chair  
Legal Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000.

Dear Ms Stone,

Thank you for your letters to Archbishop Bathersby and to myself inviting each of us to make a submission regarding a preamble for the Constitution of Queensland.

Archbishop Bathersby has asked me to reply on behalf of both of us.

I am afraid that at this time we are not in a position to make a submission on this matter. We were both away when the invitations to make a submission arrived and we now consider that there is insufficient time for us to give this matter the serious consideration which it deserves in order to make a constructive contribution.

Please do not take our lack of a submission as a lack of interest. We hope that a draft of any proposed preamble will be circulated to the public and that we might have the opportunity to respond at that time.

We note, as the Government itself admitted in 2004, there has not been a great deal of support for a preamble amongst the Queensland public in the past. We believe that it is very important that any proposed preamble gain widespread support from the public and not simply be imposed upon Queenslanders by the government of the day.

We look forward to participating in future discussions.

Yours sincerely

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and walk humbly with  
your God.*

*Micah 6:8*