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Legal, Constitutional and
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Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

21ST May 2009

Re: Submissions – preamble for the Queensland Constitution and modernisation of oaths and affirmations

Dear Sir / Madam,

Unfortunately we did not receive your letter until after the closing date for submissions. However, we make the following suggestions.

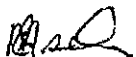
1. Our only submission for the modernization of oaths and affirmations is that reference to the Sovereign or His or Her majesty be removed from all oaths and affirmations.
2. We would support a statement of recognition of Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. But do not support the use of the word 'contribution' as per the example statement. Our suggestion would be something like:

... recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders our first people and traditional land owners respecting their culture and languages, kinships and spiritual knowledges of land, sea and country.

3. The aspirational statement should refer to the past, the inclusion of indigenous people in the census and a vision that expresses acceptance of indigenous belonging to country and that proffers love towards those people.

Thank you for considering our submission

Yours Sincerely



Reverend Mary Eseli
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