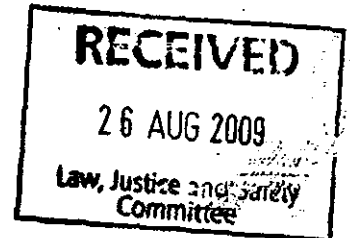




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**Re: DRAFT PREAMBLE FOR INSERTION INTO THE CONSTITUTION OF QUEENSLAND 2001;**

**\* Issue 3: What options should the Committee provide to modernise the Oaths or Affirmation of Allegiance?\***

Committee Members,

On behalf of AML-QLD Branch, I would like to submit the following information;

- AML-QLD Branch made a submission to the LCARC of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Parliament of the State of Queensland at the beginning of this year in relation to a proposed preamble for the Constitution of Queensland;
- With the election of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Parliament of the State of Queensland and the subsequent reformation of the LCARC, we re-submitted a submission in relation to a proposed preamble for the Constitution of Queensland (if another copy is required, one may be provided);
- It has since been brought to our attention that the Premier has directed the LCARC to 'modernise' the *Oaths and Affirmations of Allegiance* of the offices of Members of Parliament, Ministers, the Governor and Deputy-Governors, Members of the Executive Council and Judges. The Issues Paper states that, "The Committee must provide options for modernisation of these oaths or affirmations. This could be achieved through the use of language" (Issues Paper p.4).

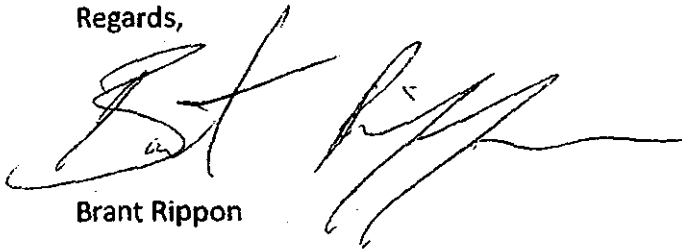
It is AML-QLD Branch's belief that the Premier's direction to the LCARC in relation to the 'modernisation' of the *Oaths and Affirmations of Allegiance* of the *Constitution of Queensland* (2001) is a subversive attempt to impose republicanist aspects and opinions to the State of Queensland and her people. This is highlighted, we believe, in the Issues Paper by the fact that an option to retain the current *Oaths and Affirmations of Allegiance* is not given. Further proof of this is the statement "The

Committee **must** provide options for modernisation of these oaths or affirmations...", and the fact that no examples of oaths or affirmations are given – unlike with the preamble issue.

The Queen is the Sovereign both of Queensland and of Australia and, until the people themselves decide to move to a republic, *Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance* should be to the Queen. In 1999, 62.56% of Queenslanders voted to retain our system of Constitutional Monarchy and their wishes should be reflected in any amendments to the Constitution.

AML-QLD Branch and AML as a whole completely and passionately reject any attempt to change the *Oaths and Affirmations of Allegiance* taken by these high-profile public servants within the State of Queensland and Australia as a whole. Whilst Australia and Queensland remain a Constitutional Monarchy, these Oaths and Affirmations should not be changed. We reiterate that due recognition of our political arrangements should be given in any preamble inserted into the Constitution of Queensland.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brant Rippon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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