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A PREAMBLE FOR THE QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION?

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The release of the issues paper, with the committee's call for submissions, is the first stage in the committee's review of the recommendations of the Queensland Constitutional Review Commission regarding a preamble for the Queensland Constitution.

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ISSUE 1 (refer page 6)

Should the Queensland Constitution contain a preamble?

YES

ISSUE 2 (refer page 7)

Should the Queensland Constitutional Review Commission draft preamble be adopted in Queensland?

NO

ISSUE 3 (refer page 9)

What purpose should a preamble to the Queensland Constitution serve?

CONVEY THE ESSENCE OF THE CONSTITUTION

ie. All are equal under the law of Australia "

ISSUE 4 (refer page 9)

What type of language should the preamble use?

VERY BASIC + EASILY UNDERSTOOD SO THAT
ALL KNOW & UNDERSTAND ITS MEANING

ISSUE 5 (refer page 9)

How extensive should the preamble be?

RELATIVELY SHORT -

ISSUE 6 (refer page 9)

Should the Queensland Constitution specifically state that the preamble cannot be used to interpret other provisions of the Constitution?

NO

ISSUE 7 (refer page 10)

Should there be a reference to the origins or history of the Constitution in the preamble?

NO

ISSUE 8 (refer page 10)

Should the preamble refer to the sovereignty of the people and, if so, how?

" a sovereign people "

ISSUE 9 (refer page 11)

Should the preamble refer to God and, if so, how?

AS A CHRISTIAN BASED COUNTRY PERHAPS
BUT NOT NECESSARILY.

ISSUE 10 (refer page 12)

Should the preamble recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and, if so, how?

NO - WE ARE A COUNTRY OF MANY
NATIONALITIES - ALL AUSTRALIAN

ISSUE 11 (refer page 12)

Should the preamble recognise cultural diversity and, if so, how?

NO - IT SHOULD STATE TO THE EFFECT
ALL WHO ARE AUSTRALIANS ARE ONE PEOPLE,
SUBJECT TO ONE LAW ETC. TO DO
OTHERWISE IS TO SEGREGATE & DISCRIMINATE

ISSUE 12 (refer page 13)

Should the preamble recognise the rule of law and, if so, how?

YES YES YES

ISSUE 13 (refer page 14)

Should the preamble refer to 'equality' and, if so, how?

SIMPLY "All ARE EQUAL UNDER THE
CONSTITUTION"

ISSUE 14 (refer page 14)

Should the preamble refer to gender equality and, if so, how?

NO - IT SHOULD BE A GIVEN.

ISSUE 15 (refer page 14)

Should the preamble recognise the status of the Constitution and, if so, how?

YES REFER ABOVE ISSUE 13

ISSUE 16 (refer page 15)

Should the preamble recognise the system of government the Constitution establishes and, if so, how and to what extent?

ONLY IN THE FORM OF DEMOCRACY

ISSUE 17 (refer page 15)

Should the preamble refer to the environment and, if so, how?

NO

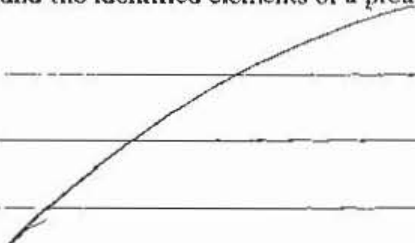
ISSUE 18 (refer page 15)

Should the preamble contain other elements and, if so, what should they be?

NO

ISSUE 19 (refer page 17)

How might text be developed around the identified elements of a preamble?



ISSUE 20 (refer page 17)

How should the community be consulted in this process?

EVERY HOUSEHOLD

ISSUE 21 (refer page 17)

Who should be consulted?

THE PEOPLE BY REFERENDUM

ISSUE 22 (refer page 18)

Should a referendum be held to insert a preamble into the Queensland Constitution?

YES

ISSUE 23 (refer page 18)

Should an 'interim' preamble to the Queensland Constitution be inserted by way of an Act of Parliament prior to a final version being confirmed by way of a referendum?

NO

ISSUE 24 (refer page 18)

When is an appropriate time to consider a referendum on the issue of a preamble for the Queensland Constitution?

AT AN ELECTION