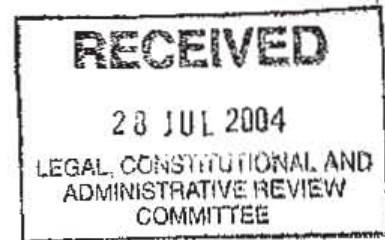
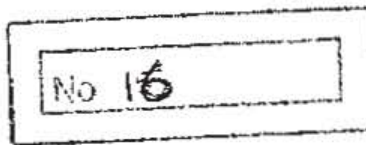


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## Tableland Elders Justice Authority

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## Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee

Parliament House  
George Street  
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### Dear Review Committee

Thank you for acknowledging our first submission through the consultation process that you performed by inviting indigenous people in Queensland to have input into the hands on Parliament for the future.

My elders and I are grateful and only to happy to assist in this very important project and its sensitive issues.

### Preambles for the Queensland Constitution

1. Yes a preamble could be a possible way to unite and strengthen the Queensland Constitution for indigenous representation into parliament.
2. The elements could contain a preamble containing the supreme person who gave law to man in the first place and there by, live by them. The Bible contains Gods word to the effect that it is the basis of supreme rule and authority because it contains all the laws for man and all men to obey. This is the belief of most Indigenous people with a wide range of religions with in their culture, although some choose to live and believe otherwise. The Bible is used in our churches for Christianity. However our court system

and Parliament use it to swear oaths of affirmation of service etc, and left on the shelf there after. If we are to have a successful life for man and his future on this planet, it is extremely important that our constitution for Queensland, is to place God in his right full place in mans affairs, the preambles. Put God first and man who are in authority second with his guidance.

### 3. Example of Elements from an Indigenous perspective

We believe that the State of Queensland be under Gods grace and sovereign rule which gives our constitution the basis, to treat all peoples in Queensland with the same opportunity to be represented by governments, who come into power at elections. The government must meet the people's daily essential needs through its resources. The people's humane and political rights, must obey the laws of legal Acts contained in the present constitution, made by our democratic process and the peoples right to make amendments were necessary for both governing powers to guide the people of Queensland in its affairs.

We believe in fair and equal opportunity for all Australians to be free of poverty and threats that endanger our way of life as God intended for all Mankind, to live together with out prejudice of denying each others existence. Our Politicians must be trained to represent their electorate and their ministerial roles to be of honest and good report, accountable to both God and the people and the laws which govern our society, taking into consideration that we are all different in some way or another.

### 4. Consultation Process

The committee should consult all indigenous people in Queensland by way of workshops or seminars to produce real out comes which will provide sustainable and suitable elements for the preambles, so that it can open the door for indigenous people to follow the paths of leaning political leadership. Elders from their respective tribes and clan should be taken into account to give wisdom and advice also, guidance.

It has been proven time and time again that when a person gets into a position they forget about their people and follow the government agenda's. They do not realise the harm that they are doing and the amount of damage caused over a period time. Please note that it took two hundred year to mess up this country, it is obvious we have the rest of our lives to fix up the past and present failures for our future generations to succeed.

We hope that this questionnaire will assist your endeavour to discover the right paths to introduce indigenous people into the parliament system and be recognised in the constitution on fair and equal basis, thank you.

Yours Truly

  
Terry Murray

Tableland Elders Justice Authority Member