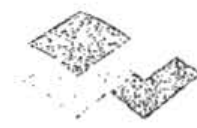


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Dear Dr Clark

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17 June 04, about a Preamble for the Queensland Constitution. I advise that we have contacted the Local Chambers of Commerce across our state drawing this matter to their attention. We have suggested they consider the contents of the Issues Paper and then use the Feedback form to communicate their views to you.

As we explained to the local chambers, our initial reaction to this proposal is that we support the concept of a Preamble, conditional upon it not being used as a means of ensuring any one party's political and philosophical agenda.

We are also advising our member base of this matter via our E-Newsletter which will be sent at the end of July and advising people generally through our public website. Both the newsletter and our website will have a direct link to the Committees website so that people can easily view the Issues Paper and provide an online submission.

We are also making it known that we would prefer that the form of words be decided by way of referendum. We believe this approach will ensure the authors of proposed words will focus carefully upon what our state's population will embrace and not just upon what they would like to see. No doubt you will have already considered the importance of this.

As I am sure you will appreciate, we have no means other than encouragement in causing people to take an interest in this matter and give their time to it. Nevertheless we do hope that what we have done will assist in some way to increase interest and awareness of the work you are doing.

Yours sincerely


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