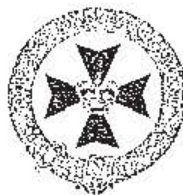


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# A PREAMBLE FOR THE QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION?

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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 - AND IT SHOULD BE INSPIRING AND A BASIS  
FOR STANDING THE TEST OF TIME

ISSUE 2 (refer page 7)

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

NO - A STATE COMMISSION SHOULD BE HELD -  
FOR FROM THE PEOPLE SHOULD COME THE SPIRIT  
TO INSPIRE THE PEOPLE TO BE BUILDERS OF  
SOCIETY

ISSUE 3 (refer page 9)

What purpose should a preamble to the Queensland Constitution serve?

A BASIS FOR COMMUNITY / SOCIETY / STATE  
BUILDING AND MOVEMENT TOWARDS SOCIAL  
ADVANCEMENT

ISSUE 4 (refer page 9)

What type of language should the preamble use?

EVERY DAY ENGLISH - THE WORDS MUST  
BE CLEAR AND STAND THE TEST OF TIME

ISSUE 5 (refer page 9)

How extensive should the preamble be?

IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE / CONCISE - REFER TO THE  
THE "BIG PICTURE" - NOT THE "WHOLE" PICTURE  
THAN A SUMMARY OF THE MAIN PARTS

ISSUE 6 (refer page 9)

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

IT SHOULD BE A BASIS FOR LIVING NOT A BASIS  
FOR LAW

ISSUE 7 (refer page 10)

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

IT SHOULD BE FORWARDS FOCUSSED WITH ITS ROOTS IN THE  
PAST - THE POINT SHOULD BE OF VISION NOT OF HISTORICAL  
FACT

ISSUE 8 (refer page 10)

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

THIS WORD "SOVEREIGN" SHOULD NOT APPEAR - A WORD TO  
SHOW THE DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE AND NEEDS  
TO UNIFY FOR COMMON GOOD SHOULD

**ISSUE 9 (refer page 11)**

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

YES - AS A GENERAL REFERENCE  
THE COMMISSION SHOULD AS VISION TO PROMOTE  
UNITY / TRUTH / HOPE / SALVATION THROUGH WORK  
AND COMMITMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

**ISSUE 10 (refer page 12)**

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

IT SHOULD LINK THE PAST PAINFUL AND HISTORICAL TO  
THE CURRENT AND TO THE FUTURE. ALL PROJECTS  
SHOULD BE REFERENCED AS TO A PATHWAY TO  
UNDERSTANDING HISTORY AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL PATHWAY  
TO A FUTURE

**ISSUE 11 (refer page 12)**

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

IT SHOULD MAKE GENERAL REFERENCE TO CULTURAL  
DIVERSITY AS A MEANS OF GAINING GREATER GOOD FOR ALL.  
IT SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED AS A "MEANS TO AN END" NOT  
AN END IN ITSELF

**ISSUE 12 (refer page 13)**

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

NO - IT SHOULD RECOGNISE THE COMMON GOALS OF THE PEOPLE -  
THE PROCESS TO OBTAINING SOCIAL JUSTICE & SOCIAL  
JUSTICE NOT THE "MEANS" OF OBTAINING SOCIAL

ISSUE 13 (refer page 14)

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

GENERALLY YES - WORDS MUST NOT BE  
'FACILITABLE' - THEIR MEANING MUST HAVE LASTING PURPOSE  
AND POSITIVE IMPACT

ISSUE 14 (refer page 14)

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

CRIMINAL REPARATION ONLY - IT MUST BE COMPOSED SO  
THAT THE IMPLIED MESSAGE IS TRANSMITTED  
RATHER THAN A RAW QUOTE DIRECTLY

ISSUE 15 (refer page 14)

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

NO - INCLUDE ONLY AFFIRMATIVE MESSAGES -  
MISSION + VISION WORDS WOULD BE A BETTER  
LONG TERM PURPOSE

ISSUE 16 (refer page 15)

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

IT SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO PROVIDE AN AFFIRMATIVE (FUNDAMENTAL)  
RESPONSE - NOT TO EXPLAIN A FACTUAL HISTORY  
VISION (THE BEANS)

ISSUE 17 (refer page 15)

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

GENERAL REFERENCE TO THE LAND/WATER/  
RESOURCES SHOULD HAVE A COMMON AND PROMINENT  
LINKAGE WITH A GOOD INITIATIVE.

ISSUE 18 (refer page 15)

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

IT SHOULD BE SHORT / CONCISE / INSPIRING THAT  
SAYS A LOT WITH FEW WORDS - THAT CAN AND WILL  
BE READ AND EASILY REMEMBERED (THE MESSAGE IN  
ALL GOOD PUBLICATIONS)

ISSUE 19 (refer page 17)

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

SET THE PARAMETERS AND LET THE VISION OF  
THE PEOPLE COMPLETE THE MISSION

ISSUE 20 (refer page 17)

How should the community be consulted in this process?

STATE WIDE COMPETITION WITH THE PRIZE  
BEING RECEIVED FOR BEST - FEELING AND  
FAIR FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

ISSUE 21 (refer page 17)

Who should be consulted?

THE PEOPLE OF QUEENSLAND FROM THE YOUNGEST  
TO THE OLDEST

ISSUE 22 (refer page 18)

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

YES - FOR THE TOP 10-12 SHORT LISTED ENTRIES  
FROM THE STATE WIDE COMPETITION

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 - ONLY THE FINAL VERSION AFTER ACCEPTANCE  
BY THE PEOPLE OF QUEENSLAND

ISSUE 24 (refer page 18)

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

A 1 YEAR STATE WIDE COMPETITION  
FOLLOWED BY BOTH SHORT LISTING PROCESS  
FOLLOWED BY PRESENTATION OF SHORT LIST TO  
CONSIDER WITH THE NEXT STATE ELECTION