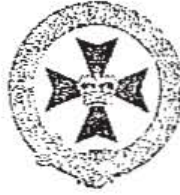


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**A PREAMBLE FOR THE QUEENSLAND  
CONSTITUTION?**

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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, BUT IT SHOULD FOCUS ON THE TRULY COMMON ASPIRATIONS AND VALUES OF QUEENSLANDERS. THAT IS IT MUST BE INCLUSIVE (I.E. NO GOD, OR QUEEN) AND REFLECT A UNITED VIEW OF THE BEST OF OUR SOCIETY, AND WHAT WE WOULD LIKE IT TO BECOME.

ISSUE 2 (refer page 7)

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

YES TO THE FOUR POINTS (PAGE 2) RE: 'NEW FOUNDATIONS'  
RE: 'WIDELY HELD VALUES' (PAGE 2) YES TO THE SECOND POINT, BUT -

- WE RECOGNISE THE SPECIAL CULTURAL CONNECTIONS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES WITH THE LAND.
- WE DECLARE OUR DEPENDENCE ON THE LAND FOR HUMAN SUSTENANCE AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SHARE IT RESPECTFULLY WITH OTHER SPECIES.

ISSUE 3 (refer page 9)

What purpose should a preamble to the Queensland Constitution serve?

- ① EQUAL TREATMENT OF ALL
- ② SET OUT VALUES AND PRINCIPLES TO BE PROMOTED
- ③ OVERCOMING DIVISIONS & ENCOURAGING A SHARED COMMITMENT.
- ④ FOCUS ON VALUING THE ENVIRONMENT (WHICH WE ARE CURRENTLY DEGRADING)

ISSUE 4 (refer page 9)

What type of language should the preamble use?

CLEAR; CONCISE; INCLUSIVE (ONLY COMMONALITIES WITHIN ALL MAJOR POSITIONS - THEREFORE  
(NO) REFERENCE TO 'GOD' OR 'SPIRITUALITY')  
THE LANGUAGE USED MUST REFLECT AND RESPECT QUEENSLAND'S CULTURAL DIVERSITY BY BEING INCLUSIVE.

ISSUE 5 (refer page 9)

How extensive should the preamble be?

- SHORT, PITHY, KEY IDEAS AND VALUES ONLY,
- AVOIDING FLOWERY PHRASES AND MOTHERHOOD  
STATEMENTS

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. THE PREAMBLE SHOULD BE IN TUNE WITH ALL THE  
PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION. IT MAKES NO SENSE  
TO BE OTHERWISE.

ISSUE 7 (refer page 10)

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

BRIEFLY.

ISSUE 8 (refer page 10)

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

YES, - SEE PAGE 2 'NEW FOUNDATIONS'

**ISSUE 9** (refer page 11)

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

ABSOLUTELY NOT! NO 'GOD' OR 'SPIRITUALITY'

**ISSUE 10** (refer page 12)

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

YES, SEE COMMENT RE: ISSUE 2.

**ISSUE 11** (refer page 12)

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

YES, IN RELATION TO EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS. ALSO IN RELATION TO THE CULTURAL WEALTH OF THE QUEENSLAND SOCIETY. (RICHNESS IN DIVERSITY)

**ISSUE 12** (refer page 13)

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

YES, SEE COMMENT RE: ISSUE 2. 'NEW FOUNDATIONS'

**ISSUE 13** (refer page 14)

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

YES, SEE ISSUE 11.

**ISSUE 14** (refer page 14)

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

YES, SEE ISSUE 2. 'WIDELY-HELD VALUES'

**ISSUE 15** (refer page 14)

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

(NO MONARCHY - REPUBLIC ONLY.)

**ISSUE 16** (refer page 15)

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

(NO MONARCHY - REPUBLIC ONLY)

**ISSUE 17** (refer page 15)

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

YES, ITS PREEMINENT IMPORTANCE IS TOO OFTEN  
UNRECOGNISED AND/OR IGNORED - (MOST OF US TAKE  
IT FOR GRANTED) - WE SHOULD EMPHASISE OUR TOTAL  
DEPENDENCE ON A HEALTHY AND BIO-RICH ECOLOGICAL  
SYSTEM.

**ISSUE 18** (refer page 15)

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

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GREATER AUSTRALIAN AND  
WIDER WORLD COMMUNITY.

**ISSUE 19** (refer page 17)

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

- ① BROAD COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
- ② LEGAL DRAFTING
- ③ PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

**ISSUE 20** (refer page 17)

How should the community be consulted in this process?

DRAFT FORM OF AN  
INTERIM PREAMBLE - SUBMISSIONS, COMMENTS,  
~~REFS~~ - COMMUNITY MEETINGS.

**ISSUE 21** (refer page 17)

Who should be consulted?

WIDELY AS POSSIBLE

**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?

YES

**ISSUE 24** (refer page 18)

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

IN ASSOCIATION WITH A CHANGE TO A REPUBLIC.