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Submission to the Research Director
Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Committee
Parliament House, George Street
Brisbane. Q'ld 4000

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Dear Committee,

Just yesterday I heard the State Premier state in parliament that he wanted an open and accountable government who listened to the people. The way this review has been called for (3 weeks notice) and the timing, (middle of the Olympics, while the Ecce is in full swing) hardly points to a serious attempt to give people time to express themselves. Also most of Queenslanders are still not connected to the Internet. Yet another barrier to inclusion.

Another point the QCRC recommends that the preamble should "affirm certain widely-held views." The most recently held Reffendra,(1999) held that people did not want a preamble. Will this widely held value be respected?

What people do want? A bill of Rights. One that affirms that **Every** citizen has the same rights. People have been calling for this for the last twenty years.

The family should be protected from government inference. And the bill of Rights should state that marriage can only be between a man and a woman.

Human life should be afforded special protection.

The Justice System must be taken out of political control. No one should be tried and jailed because of their political views.

There should be a Democracy Review Committee set up, to take complaints from the public whenever Democratic Rights are infringed. And they should have the right to expose any organ of the government or the media who trample people's rights.

Before closing I wish to mention that the Review Committee's decision to hide the number and content of Submissions has all the hall marks of the Central Committee of the U.S.S.R. Again where is the Open Government?

Respectfully yours,



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