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Dr. Lesley CLARK.
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Dear Dr. CLARK: Constitutional Preamble

I believe a preamble of concise, simple statements is the best way to go for Qld's Constitutional Growth and Quality. There is no place for a text which will have many perceptions of brainwashing or well as go against Queenslanders' dislike of volumes of verbosity. The legal status of the preamble should be as a non-legal indicator indicative of a philosophical statement priming growth not as a lot of sticking points.

Qld's Preamble to the Constitution seems likely to benefit from statements similar to the following: -

- In Public life, we, the people of Qld aim for a Constitution which states liberty without licence, prosperity for all, fair and equal representation and a community conscience, and to continue this growth
- We salute Almighty God for the wonders, beauties and serenity God sends on our sunshine State.
- Qld's Constitution omits all United Kingdom's Parlt's Laws made since the Australia Acts 1986.
- We also recognise that we are subject to the Constitution of the Federal Commonwealth of Australia, as a State which is a totally entitled Member of that Commonwealth.
- We expect this preamble to be a non-legal indicator, indicative of a philosophical statement priming growth not as a lot of sticking points.
- We expect to be governed in accordance with the democratic procedures contained in this Constitution by our free, equal, fair and leading.
- In a spirit of mutual honour, worth and dignity, we totally

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endorse the contribution and entitlements of the various Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as original and growing occupants and conservators of this state of Queensland's land, its environment and their unique worth to continue harmonizing and sharing.

- All of our ethnic groups grow in harmony, aiming for inculturation, environmental purpose, peace and prosperity for all.
- Family life has a priority for Community well-being, to unique extents, regardless of ancestry, class, faith, place or colour and contributes profoundly to the benefits of living in the State of Queensland.
- Some hard aspects of our environment call for independence, resilience, responsibility, respect and resolve in unique Queenslanders' spirit, long part of meeting tough conditions and events with cheerful toughness.

Offer these views to consider for the new preamble.

Yours Sincerely

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