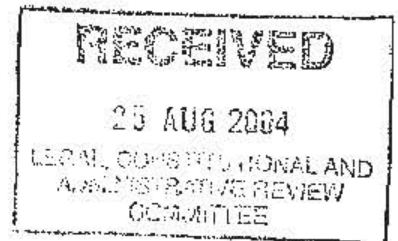


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A PREAMBLE FOR THE QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION

I hereby make the following Submission:-

Page 6 - *Ongoing discussion regarding a republic.* - As there is NOT a majority wanting a Republic - the minority HAS to accept the DEMOCRATIC DECISION

Australia does not want a republic!

Page 6 - *Desirability* - The Gladstone Constitutional Convention did NOT represent the voters. THE AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE SAID **NO** TO A PREAMBLE. The Gladstone Constitutional Convention HAS to listen to the people. Without Federal permission for a Federal Preamble, a Preamble for the State is unnecessary and a NON EVENT!

Page 6 - *Moves toward an Australian Republic* - THIS PREAMBLE IS A BACK-DOOR WAY OF DISREGARDING DEMOCRACY. **NO PREAMBLE**

Page 6 - *Recognition of Indigenous peoples* - **NO** RECOGNITION OF ANY ONE GROUP OVER ANOTHER BECAUSE OF ANCESTRY. **THIS IS BLATANT RACISM!**

Page 12 *Cultural diversity* - All people in Queensland should be equal regardless of cultural diversity. This is a method of dividing the Queensland people and is NOT a smart idea!

Page 13- *Equality before the law* - Should be just that. Making one group more equal than another is **NOT EQUALITY!**

Page 17 Issue 20 - **How should the community be consulted in this issue?** An announcement should have been made via the radio and television news and front page of main newspapers for any consultation; not hidden away in an advertisement in a part of the paper that people don't even read. A period of two months of open and public debate should be held. Submissions then should be called for as above, through open and public announcements and an appointed committee should then look at all the submissions. **Then and only then**, should any document be drawn up by any committee from the submissions. This should again then be treated as above **BEFORE** any final document/recommendation is issued. Parliament HAS to listen to the people! However the Republic is no longer an issue and the subject **SHOULD BE DROPPED FORTHWITH! GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO RUN THE STATE NOT THE PEOPLE!**

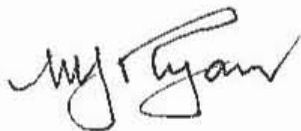
Page 18 Issue 22 - **Should a referendum be held to insert a preamble into the Queensland Constitution** - Government should NOT try to change/add anything to the Constitution **WITHOUT A REFERENDUM!** The **REPUBLIC** issue is **DEAD** and **Parliament HAS TO OBEY THE PEOPLE!**

Page 18 Issue 23 - *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 interim or final preamble by an act of Parliament. Politicians are elected to serve the people NOT to tell them what to do! PARLIAMENT MUST NOT THUMB ITS NOSE AT DEMOCRACY!**

Page 18 - Issue 24 - **When is an appropriate time to consider a referendum on the issue of a preamble for the Queensland Constitution?** - The people have already said **NO** to a preamble - the Beattie Government is in contempt of democracy. Wasting money on a preamble referendum is unaffordable when our health system is failing the people and the electricity system a disaster. **NO PREAMBLE - NO REFERENDUM!**

SUMMARY - The said Issues Paper 2004 draws heavily on opinions of various minorities and narrow committees who unsuccessfully tried Federally to change the Australian Constitution to suit themselves. **THIS WAS TOTALLY REJECTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE.** Yet the Queensland Government is still trying to force its own opinions on Queenslanders with a total disregard to **DEMOCRACY!**

NO PREAMBLE - NO REPUBLIC!



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