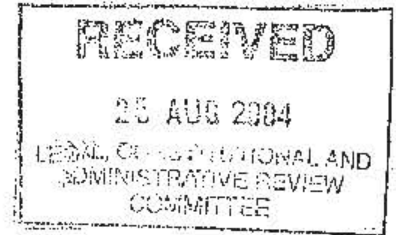
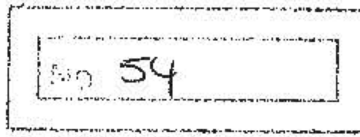


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The Director
Legal, Constitutional & Administrative Review Committee
Parliament House,
George Street
BRISBANE Q 4000 (by hand).

Dear Sir

Re : A Preamble for the Queensland Constitution.

I have read the Issues Paper 2004 fully and am thoroughly disgusted that you are attempting to **force a Preamble designed for a Republic** on the people of Queensland despite the fact that the Australian people have already said NO to these.

The Issues Paper constantly quotes the **opinions of minority groups/committees, and disgruntled republicans** who can not or will not accept the fact that Australians do NOT WANT such **laws/legislation/republicanism foisted upon them.**

To suggest that any one section of the community be treated more favourably than others either through the so-called Preamble or illegally altered Queensland Constitution smacks of blatant **RACISM.**

No person should be allowed **NOT to obey the laws of the State** because of ancestry, background, religion, race or creed.
Any Government which supports such **discriminatory suggestions** should not be in power.

Neither should an Act of Parliament be passed to satisfy the vocal minority and institute an illegal republican state against the will of the people. This would be treachery and totally unacceptable.

The matter of the Preamble has NOT even been made public. It has not been spoken of or debated through talkback, as the majority of people have NO IDEA of this 'secret' proposal. I did ask for a copy of the purported advertisement announcing the notice of Submission, but this did not come with the Issues Paper. This only enforces the notion that the less people know about your efforts to please the republican movement, the less opposition it will receive. **These tactics are undemocratic!**

I am disgusted that the Queensland Government is wasting money re-hashing an expensive old **dead issue** when the state's education, roads, hospitals, courts, electricity distribution, environment are in a deplorable state. It is my wish that you get back to the urgent issues that affect the majority and respect democracy by dropping this biased republican rubbish!

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs) J. E. Clarkson