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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: A PREAMBLE FOR THE QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION

Please find attached my submission on the above mentioned matter.

The Queensland Constitution without a preamble has stood this state in good stead since the 1800's. As I sit and ask myself the question, why now? I can't help but think that there is an ulterior motive. It is with this thought in mind that I believe that this state does not need a Preamble now, or ever, for that matter.

Yours Sincerely
MARY GRAHAM

Per: 

Faxed: - 25th August 2004
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A PREAMBLE FOR THE QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION?

Feedback form

This feedback form can be used to make a submission. Submissions may also be made in another form such as a letter. If additional space is required for responding to issues, please insert supplementary pages with reference to the issue being addressed.

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?

NO

ISSUE 2 (refer page 7)

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

N/A

ISSUE 3 (refer page 9)

What purpose should a preamble to the Queensland Constitution serve?

N/A

ISSUE 4 (refer page 9)

What type of language should the preamble use?

N/A

ISSUE 5 (refer page 9)

How extensive should the preamble be?

N/A

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ISSUE 6 (refer page 9)

Should the Queensland Constitution specifically state that the preamble cannot be used to interpret other provisions of the Constitution?

N/A

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ISSUE 7 (refer page 10)

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

N/A

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ISSUE 8 (refer page 10)

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

N/A

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ISSUE 9 (refer page 11)

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

N/A

ISSUE 10 (refer page 12)

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

N/A

ISSUE 11 (refer page 12)

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

N/A

ISSUE 12 (refer page 13)

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

N/A

ISSUE 13 (refer page 14)

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

N/A

ISSUE 14 (refer page 14)

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

N/A

ISSUE 15 (refer page 14)

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

N/A

ISSUE 16 (refer page 15)

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

N/A

ISSUE 17 (refer page 15)

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

N/A

ISSUE 18 (refer page 15)

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

N/A

ISSUE 19 (refer page 17)

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

N/A

ISSUE 20 (refer page 17)

How should the community be consulted in this process?

N/A

ISSUE 21 (refer page 17)

Who should be consulted?

N/A

ISSUE 22 (refer page 18)

Should a referendum be held to insert a preamble into the Queensland Constitution?

N/A

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?

N/A

ISSUE 24 (refer page 18)

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

N/A
