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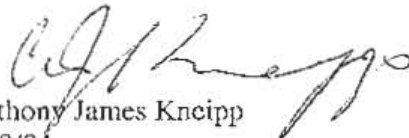


I wish to support the inclusion of the phrase in the issues paper "A Preamble for the Queensland Constitution" as follows being included in any preamble:

We declare that we respect the equality of all persons under the law, regardless of class, faith, gender origin or race, and recognise the contribution they make to the State of Queensland.

Some eight years ago I appealed against a criminal conviction in the Supreme Court of Queensland acting as the court of criminal appeal. On that occasion one of the learned judges commented that he did not believe that the principle of equality before the law had any practical value or weight at all. I would welcome the reinforcing of this principle as a fundamental basis of our law.

Yours faithfully


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