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Please find attached a submission from the Presbyterian Church of Queensland.

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## *Submission to the Inquiry into the provisions of A Preamble for the Queensland Constitution*

The Presbyterian Church is a Confessional Church, which declares that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the revealed Word of God and are the basis of the Life and Practice of the Church and of Society.

We identify Jesus the Messiah as both King and Head of the Church and as the Ruler of the Kings of the earth.

Therefore while it would be important and appropriate to make reference to "Almighty God" using the statement "... humbly relying on the blessings of Almighty God..." in a preamble to the Queensland Constitution, any such a reference needs to identify the relationship between Almighty God and the State of Queensland.

The Officers and Citizens of the State of Queensland are accountable to Almighty God for the framing and the administration of legislation which is in accordance with His revealed will for the good order of society. The Constitution and system of government only draw their authority from the people in a secondary sense. The Ultimate Authority is Almighty God and the Ultimate Power is Almighty God and the Ultimate Judge is Almighty God.

In relation to other matters:

- It would be preferable to seek approval for a preamble to the Constitution by referendum at the time of a State election, rather than by legislation by the Parliament.
- If the preamble is to be used to frame the context of the Constitution, or if it is to be used by the courts to interpret the Constitution, great care should be taken with the terminology and definitions used.

Yours sincerely

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