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# A PREAMBLE FOR THE QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION?

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## 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!

ALL REMAINING Q. TO BE PREFIXED BY "IF THERE IS TO BE A PREAMBLE"

ISSUE 2 (refer page 7)

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

NO!

ISSUE 3 (refer page 9)

What purpose should a preamble to the Queensland Constitution serve?

TO SERVE ALL EQUALLY  
NO MENTION OF ANY INDIVIDUAL  
GROUPS. I.E. "ORIGINAL CUSTOMERS" OR DIFFERENT  
RELATIONS.

ISSUE 4 (refer page 9)

What type of language should the preamble use?

ENGLISH ONLY.

ISSUE 5 (refer page 9)

How extensive should the preamble be?

SHORT AND AS CLEAR AS POSSIBLE

ISSUE 6 (refer page 9)

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

NO!

BUT ACCURATE HISTORY (QLO) MUST BE PART OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM.

ISSUE 7 (refer page 10)

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

NO!

BUT ACCURATE HISTORY MUST BE PART OF THE QLO EDUCATION SYSTEM.

ISSUE 8 (refer page 10)

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

YES.

LAWS BASED ON THE PRESENT WESTMINSTER SYSTEM.

ISSUE 9 (refer page 11)

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

YES.

ONLY AS ONE GOD.

NO OTHER MENTION.

ISSUE 10 (refer page 12)

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

NO. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY  
PARTIKULAR GROUP BE SINGLED OUT FOR ANY  
PURPOSE.

ISSUE 11 (refer page 12)

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

NO.

ISSUE 12 (refer page 13)

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

ONLY THE LAW OF THE LAND.

ISSUE 13 (refer page 14)

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

YES. EQUALITY OF AMM.  
IRRESPECTIVE

ISSUE 14 (refer page 14)

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

NO. SEE Q. 13.

ISSUE 15 (refer page 14)

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

NO

ISSUE 16 (refer page 15)

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

SEE Q. 8.



ISSUE 17 (refer page 15)

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

YES.

ISSUE 18 (refer page 15)

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

No

ISSUE 19 (refer page 17)

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

WITH A MINIMUM OF 12 MONTHS  
OR HARD PUBLIC DISCUSSION WITH  
INTENSE MEDIA COVERAGE.

ISSUE 20 (refer page 17)

How should the community be consulted in this process?

MASSIVE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

ISSUE 21 (refer page 17)

Who should be consulted?

ANY INTERESTED QUEENSLANDERS.  
TIME IS IRRELEVANT UNLESS THERE  
IS A HIDDEN AGENDA.

ISSUE 22 (refer page 18)

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

NOT UNTIL THE PREAMBLE IS PROPERLY  
DRAFTED!

ISSUE 23 (refer page 18)

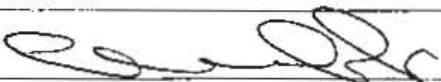
Should an 'interim' preamble to the Queensland Constitution be inserted by way of an Act of Parliament prior to a final version being confirmed by way of a referendum?

NO!

ISSUE 24 (refer page 18)

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

NEVER.



Sgt. Aug. 28.