

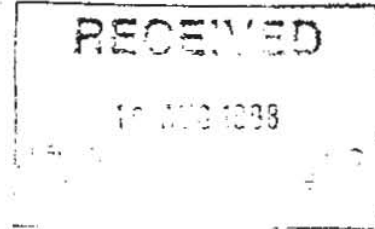


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Dear Mr Fenlon

The Public Works Committee would appreciate your committee taking into account its concerns during your work on the inquiry into the consolidation of the Queensland constitution.

Section 20 of the *Parliamentary Committee Acts* sets out the areas of responsibility of the Public Works Committee. In setting out the areas of responsibility the section uses both the terms 'work' and 'works'. When the committee received legal advice from Tony Morris QC he mentioned the change in plural may effect interpretation of the meaning of 'work'. Tony Morris suggested that it would be best if the legislation adopted either 'work' or 'works' rather than switch between the two.

The Public Works Committee believes it would be best if the term remained in the plural and all references in the legislation should change to 'works' rather than 'work'. In his legal advice Mr Morris gave a very wide interpretation of the powers of the committee. The use of the plural would be consistent with this advice.

The Public Works Committee looks forward to your committee's report. If you have any questions or need more information please ring the committee's research director, Les Dunn on 3406 7689.

Yours sincerely

Neil Roberts
Chairman

19 August 1998