

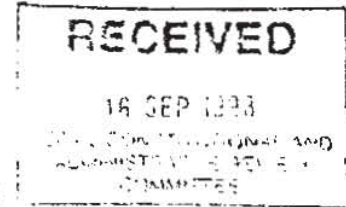


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11 September 1998

Mr Gary Fenlon MLA
Chair
Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee
Legislative Assembly of Queensland
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Fenlon

Re: Consolidation of the Queensland Constitution

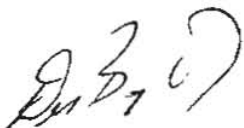
I refer to your letter dated 10 August 1998 to the Acting Director-General of the Department in respect of the above matter. I have examined the Interim Report on the Consolidation of the Queensland Constitution which was prepared by your predecessor committee.

The Department has no specific comments to make on the draft Legislation, other than that it is supportive of the efforts of your committee, and its views that Queensland's Constitution should be an accessible and easy to read document.

I am mindful of the Report on Review of Parliamentary Committees by the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission which noted at paragraph 10.24, that there were currently some 20 - 30 documents having a bearing on the Constitution of the State of Queensland, and that the "colonial style" of many of them was "not only out of place in a contemporary society but difficult to understand". Even the principle statute which functions as the Constitution of Queensland - the Constitution Act 1867 - was seen to contain "many provisions which are concerned with the operations of the Legislative Assembly and its committees rather than strict constitutional matters" (para. 10.25).

The recommendations contained in the Report on Consolidation and Review of the Queensland Constitution by the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission which dealt with the consolidation of the Queensland Constitution have also been noted by myself.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Des Boyland', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Des Boyland
Acting Deputy Director-General