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Legal, Constitutional and Administrative

Review Committee.

Parliament House.

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Dear Research Director,

Submission NO 25  
Spec 3.4

Re. CONSOLIDATION of the QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION-  
Interim Report.

As a flow on from my support for the E.A.R.C. reform Process:-  
I support CONSOLIDATION of the QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION as necessary.

I also agree to the wisdom of SEPARATING much into an effective-  
"PARLIAMENT of QUEENSLAND Bill-1998" together with a revised-  
"CONSTITUTION of QUEENSLAND ACT Bill-1998."

I agree with the need to repeal and eliminated antiquated,unnecessary,  
superfluous conflicting Acts and Legislation.

But I am unable to completely review your latest Proposals; because  
I only recently returned from very extensive Interstate travel,where  
I observed Constitutional Conventions,and Governments in action.  
Therefore,respectfully,I draw you attention again to my very detailed  
Submissions No.16 (with 208 Fitzgerald Inquiry) March 1993 to the  
E.A.R.C.-"CONSOLIDATION and REVIEW of the QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION."

A quick perusal by your Committee Members will find there is much that  
could be included now in your 2 PROPOSED ACTS- C.o Q.A./P.o Q.A.B.1998.

Examples :-

1. Entrench Peoples' Protective Rights;
2. State -and limit powers of Governor, Executive and Judiciary;
3. insert a Recognition and Reconciliation Statement about INDIGENOUS  
Queenslanders;
4. Each of the 89 State Electorates should have EQUAL/SAME population  
numbers of Voter/Electors with maximum 5% weightage; and require  
that every MEMBER of PARLIAMENT must RESIDE in THEIR ELECTORATE;
5. Power to RECALL a M.P. who is elected as a Political Party Member  
who "SWITCHES in Parliament so as to act as an INDEPENDENT"- so  
their Seat is FORFEITED and a BY-ELECTION promptly held;
6. Governor to act upon PUBLIC APPEAL to dismiss a Government (corrupt,  
etc)Governors ROLE/Flag /Anthem when Australia becomes a REPUBLIC;
7. Jury system rules for 80% majority vote, use Dictionary, Transcripts, etc;
8. Open Public Accountability-with less Commercial Confidentiality, and  
define "DIRECT/INDIRECT REWARD or BENEFIT to preventany Ownership or  
Control by FAMILY MEMBERS..list with Pecuniary Interests";
9. Add "SUNSET CLAUSES" so as to REVIEW LAWS, PRACTICES and PRIVILEGES  
to ensure they and the Taxes, Charges and Levies remain relevant;
10. Local Government Consultation process to stop State and Commonwealth  
"PASSING THE BUCK";
11. Seek uniformity with the Commonwealth to obtain National Laws/Standard
12. Protect "Paramount Citizens' FREEDOMS of SPEECH /Public Assembly, etc";
13. OATH should require-"I will serve the People of Queensland, Honestly, etc
14. A Citizen does not have a "RIGHT to BEAR ARMS" for Permits are condit
15. MINISTERS, etc must not grant CONCESSIONS secretly-eg REZONINGS, etc;
16. Each Electorate could have both a MALE and FEMALE-M.P. for choice.

Finally, I am disappointed that the E.A.R.C. was DISBANDED before the  
PASSING a new QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION; with a BILL of RIGHTS; and a  
completed REVIEW of LOCAL GOVERNMENT and STATUTORY BODIES, etc.

You may contact me if the Committee would like to discuss any of my  
suggestions.

Regards,

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Social Justice Activist.

