

Submission No 29

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To

Spee 34

The Research Director

Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee

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SUBMISSION AGAINST THE CONSOLIDATION  
OF THE QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION

I wish to lodge my objection to the proposed changes of The Queensland Constitution.

While to consolidate the 'scattered' Constitution into one 'easy to read' document sounds like a good idea, it must be remembered, that to change the wording of anything is very likely to change its meaning and original intent.

The role of the Committee, as established under the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1995* (Qld), is to;

".....inquire into and report to the Legislative Assembly as to how all the Acts and Laws relating to the Queensland Constitution may be consolidated, as far as possible, into one Act."

".....inquiry not extend to recommending any major changes of substance to the current Constitution."

The changes, omissions and insertions as set out in the Interim Report on the Consolidation of the Queensland Constitution, (Report No 10, May 1998), far exceed the role of the Committee.

Section 53 of the existing Constitution states that parts of the Constitution, including Section 53 itself, must not be changed without public approval in a referendum. Any such changes, without a referendum, shall be of no effect as an Act.

I object to the proposed changes and point out the need for a referendum.

Yours Sincerely,

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