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Dear Sir,

**COMMENTS AND SUBMISSIONS  
ON THE DRAFT CONSOLIDATION OF THE QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION**

Please accept my submission attached herewith , for the benefit of all Queenslanders in general, and the information and action of your Committee and parliament in particular, on matters affecting the rights and freedoms of our citizens.

Many citizens object most strongly to the apparently unconscionable interference with the Queensland Constitution, without our approval .

I request that all attempts to reduce the protective powers of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Excellency the Governor of Queensland be stopped at once, and all improper changes to our Constitution be revoked, with public apology to the people of Queensland by those responsible for any negligent or seditious acts.

Please confirm receipt of this submission and forward a copy of the Committee's deliberations and Report to me when it is prepared.

Yours sincerely,

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Copy for information:

Enclosure: Objections to Amending Queensland's Constitution and a Background to the Constitutional Review

*Shall the throne of iniquity which devises evil by law have fellowship with you?*



## OBJECTIONS TO AMENDING QUEENSLAND'S CONSTITUTION

I object to ANY changes to the QLD Constitution without FULL public discussion and consideration by the electors because:

The Role of the Parliamentary Review Committee is ONLY to:

inquire into the CONSOLIDATION of the QLD Constitution;

report to Parliament on HOW the Constitution MAY be CONSOLIDATED; and

NOT recommend ANY MAJOR changes to the current Constitution.

The Constitution exists to PROTECT THE PEOPLE. NOT politicians.

For decades many politicians have shown that they are unable to be trusted to represent anything except their party and their wallets.

The Parliamentary Consolidation of the QLD Constitution has almost been conducted in secrecy. Public awareness was almost non-existent.

Modifications to Section 53 far exceed the Terms of Reference.

I object to ALL changes proposed by the Committee to Section 53 without a referendum. Section 53 states that parts of the Constitution relating to the Governor and Her Majesty, including Section 53 itself, MUST NOT BE CHANGED without public approval in a referendum, and IF such Bill is passed, it SHALL BE OF NO EFFECT AS AN ACT. Section 53 MUST NOT therefore be changed in ANY way.

The Office of the Governor, as it was intended to be, is vital for the protection of our rights including freedom of worship, the Court, and the Parliament. The QLD Constitution, VOL II, Clause 2.7. VI states that the Governor should take advice from the Executive Council, "BUT IF IN ANY CASE HE SHALL SEE FIT TO DISSENT FROM THE OPINION OF THE SAID COUNCIL HE MAY ACT IN THE EXERCISE OF HIS SAID POWERS AND AUTHORITIES IN OPPOSITION TO THE OPINION OF THE COUNCIL reporting the matter to us (the Queen) without delay, with the reasons for his so acting." Obviously the Governor must be far more than a ceremonial rubber stamp, especially in today's circumstances.

The Bill of Rights 1688/89 which is LAW in QLD states that, "the pretended power of suspending of laws or the execution of laws by regal authority without the consent of parliament is illegal". It must therefore also be illegal, for parliament to AMEND laws without the assent of the Crown; and

"it is the right of the subjects to petition the king, and all commitments and prosecutions for such petitioning are illegal." Therefore any ACT, including the Australia Act, that stops us from petitioning the Queen is illegal! and

"that no declarations, judgements, doings or proceedings to the prejudice of the people in any (way) ought in any way to be drawn hereafter into consequence..." The Bill goes on to enthrone William and Mary (and their heirs) as they promised to preserve the people from the future violation of our rights. Such vital legal documents MUST NOT be interfered with by ANY parliamentary committee WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORS AT A REFERENDUM