

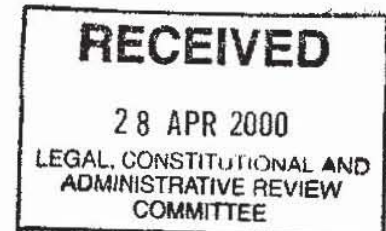
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Submission No 5

Dear Mr Fenlon

**RE: REVIEW OF THE QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW
COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATION FOR FOUR YEAR
PARLIAMENTARY TERMS**

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on your committee's recommendation in this respect. After 22 years in the Parliament, I have a view to express here, which I feel very strongly about.

I am quite happy to have it recorded that I strongly support the recommendation your committee is making. I see it as eminently sensible and it ought to be proceeded. The fact that we are the last state of Australia to be doing this is I think, disappointing, but I remember the circumstances.

I also however, recommend that the Government do not proceed with the referendum on the issue unless it has support of the Opposition. This would lead to another time-wasting, probably unsuccessful, attempt, which would postpone the reform for a substantial number of years into the future.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

Yours sincerely

Hon. Mike Ahern