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



Dear Sir

**RE: Review of the Queensland Constitutional Review Commission's Recommendation for Four Year Parliamentary Terms**

I hold the position of State Vice President Queensland for the Committee for Economic Development of Australia and Executive Chairman of Herron Todd White Valuers, however I am writing this as a member of the voting public.

The background paper was disappointing in that the arguments for (6.1) and against (6.2) ignored the alternative of fixed four year terms in line with both New South Wales and Queensland local government.

The previous referendum on four year terms with no minimum was rightly defeated I believe due to the large number of elections falling well short of the maximum term. Had a fixed four year term been on offer at that referendum, I believe it would have been carried by a far greater majority than that referendum was defeated by.

I urge parliament to consider fixed four year terms (in line with Queensland Local Government terms) as being much more likely to find favour with the voting public, and, as second best, four years with a minimum of three years.

Yours sincerely

**KERRY C HERRON**