



# F.R.E.E. ASSN. INC.

## FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS ENTERPRISE ECOLOGY

Submission NO 35

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The Research Director  
Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee  
Parliament House, George Street  
Brisbane Qld. 4000



Sir

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

Our Association has great concern with the proposed changes to Constitution regarding the term of office of government from three to four years.

It is not the change that troubles us for we believe that people should always have the opportunity to review the Constitution and make changes by referenda.

What is troubling us is that Parliament may believe that they can make changes without the consent of the people.

We are conscious of the fact that Queensland has no House of Review, therefore any party, although they may not have the support of the majority could change our Constitution.

We are also concerned that composition of parliament has been disregarded in recent times. To us, "parliament consists of the members of the Legislative Assembly plus the 'Queen' represented by the Governor".

The Governor should be the Guardian of our Constitution and should not yield to pressure that are designed to destroy the people's right by legislation.

While many support the four-year term, this change can only become law by referendum.

This submission has been in approved by the Management Committee of the F.R.E.E. Association Inc.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman