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Legislative Assembly of Queensland
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Sir,

RE: FOUR YEAR PARLIAMENTARY TERMS

I refer to your letter of 13/4/2000 regarding the review of the Queensland Constitutional Review Commission's recommendations for four year parliamentary terms.

As a Local Government body, this Council was opposed to 4 year terms for Council mainly on the basis that it would possibly deter quality candidates from standing for office, particularly in rural and remote areas where Councillors are considered "part time".

Council also abhors the fact that Local Government was used as the catalyst for 4 year parliamentary terms, and it is Council's belief that any change in terms should be decided by referendum.

Yours faithfully,

A C Gallwey
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER