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Dear Sir

PROPOSED FOUR YEAR TERM – QUEENSLAND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Thank you for your letter dated 13th April, 2000 and for the Opportunity for Council to comment on the proposal for a four (4) year term of office, with a fixed minimum period of three (3) years, for the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

As you are aware, local governments in Queensland commenced four year terms of office from 25th March, 2000. Enabling legislation was passed by the Queensland Parliament after consultation with local governments and the community during 1999. There was wide spread support for the four year terms for local governments and there has been no public objection to the four year terms in this area. In fact, it could be said that the community supports the four year terms, along with the elected members of the Council themselves.

Whilst local government is not the same as the State government, this Council can see no reason why maximum four (4) year terms could not also be successful at State level. There is a different political environment but the needs of the public should be paramount and therefore there should be an acceptance by all political parties of the four year term.

Yours faithfully

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