



The Honourable Rod Welford MP



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Mr R Doyle
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Parliament House
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Dear Mr Doyle

I refer to Report No 32 of the Legal Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee on Freedom of Information in Queensland, which was tabled on 20 December 2001.

I provide this letter as an interim response to the report under section 24 of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1995*.

This Government recognises the importance of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* in a representative democracy and is committed to the objects of the Act, which promote open and accountable government and provide greater opportunity for the public to participate in policy making and government itself.

The Legal Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee (LCARC) has undertaken a comprehensive review of the Freedom of Information regime in Queensland and its report covers a range of issues.

Given the extensive nature of LCARC's recommendations and the need to carefully consider the report, it is not possible to provide a response at this stage. I will provide a final response to the Committee's report by 20 June 2002.

Would you please arrange for the tabling of this interim response when Parliament next meets.

Yours sincerely

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