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The Research Director
Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Ms Newton

RE: Review of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992*

I refer to the letter of 7 February 2000 seeking comments in regard to the Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee Freedom of Information in Queensland Discussion Paper No.1.

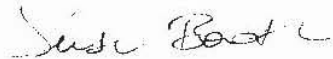
Firstly, I wish to commend the Committee on providing a thought provoking and informative discussion paper that considers a range of issues relevant to this area. As you may be aware, this Commission strongly supports the principles that embed freedom of information.

The experiences of this Commission with regard to freedom of information applications would generally indicate that the current requirements and processes outlined in the legislation are adequate. Although the Commission is a small agency with limited resources, we are able to respond to requests in an efficient and effective manner.

The only discussion point to which I wish to make specific comment on is number 60. While the Commission has been able to meet the basic 45 day time period for processing applications, I would have some concern that with limited resources it may prove difficult to comply within a shorter time period. The Commission therefore would not support a reduction in this time limit.

Should you wish to discuss this further I can be contacted on 3247 0902. I wish the Committee well in its future work.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Booth".

SUSAN BOOTH
Acting Deputy Anti-Discrimination Commissioner
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