



LEGAL, CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

HANDS ON PARLIAMENT —

**A PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER PEOPLES' PARTICIPATION IN QUEENSLAND'S DEMOCRATIC PROCESS**

Feedback form

This feedback form can be used to make a submission. Alternatively, submissions may be made in another form such as a letter.

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BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION

1. What are some of the reasons that Indigenous peoples are underrepresented in the Queensland Parliament?
2. What are some of the reasons that Indigenous people might choose not to be involved in Queensland's Parliament and government?
3. What factors make it difficult for Indigenous people to participate in Queensland's system of democracy?

1. Don't like Bureaucracy, Racism, Lack of info

Low literacy & education levels, couldn't be bothered

No money, Black community politics, Lack of time,

Resentment, White Not in Me

2. Politics and Education is the main barrier

Money and the fact we are not on the

3. The system may have some kind of impact (negative)



STRATEGY 1: ENHANCE PARTICIPATION IN THE EXISTING PROCESSES

4. Is more civics education and voter education targeted specifically to Indigenous people necessary?
5. What other strategies might promote greater participation by Indigenous people in the existing democratic process?

*A better understanding of the indigenous culture requires there
are very different needs.*



STRATEGY 2: DIRECT INPUT INTO PARLIAMENT

6. Would avenues for bodies which represent Indigenous people to have direct input into Parliament enhance the participation of Indigenous peoples in the Parliament?
7. Is it a good idea to enable bodies which represent Indigenous peoples to have direct input into Parliament? Why or why not?
8. If a representative body with direct input into Parliament was to be established how should it operate? For example:
 - Who should be on the representative body?
 - What forms of direct input should the representative body have?
 - What else would be necessary to ensure Parliament considered matters raised by the representative body?

... open the public gallery + let
everyone have a say not just indigenous people but non-indigenous
parliament house belongs to the nation + let Government's see
who better to ask questions than people that live
if indigenous Ambassador should have what many other
people feel he has he can make a good



STRATEGY 3: AN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ASSEMBLY

9. Would an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly contribute to the participation of Indigenous people in the democratic process in Queensland?
10. Is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly a good idea? Why or why not?
11. If an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly was to be established, how should it operate? For example:
 - How should members of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly be selected?
 - What would be the specific role and functions of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly? *vector*
 - How should the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly have input in the Queensland Parliament?
 - What else would be necessary to ensure the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Assembly contributed to representation of Indigenous people?
 - Would one Assembly be appropriate, or should there be separate Assemblies for Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders

There would need to be 2 assemblies one for the aboriginal community a one for the T.S.I community.

They would be there to help our representatives show the people what needs to be done for the community.

The indigenous people would not be there they would be represented. From local councils, communities, and organisations the members would have to sell themselves to the people. The representatives would be elected as members by the people. It would be a more and more assembly. The assembly would be to meet with each other every 2 months to discuss how the people have moved. It would be the assembly would be to be set meeting + gathering the people the time to represent.

STRATEGY 4: DEDICATED SEATS

12. Would dedicated seats enhance the participation of Indigenous people in the democratic process in Queensland? *NO*
13. Are dedicated seats a good idea? Why or why not? *NO*
14. If dedicated seats were to be introduced, how should they operate? For example:
- How many dedicated seats should there be?
 - In what ways, if any, should the role and functions of members in dedicated seats differ from members in other seats?
 - How should members in dedicated seats be selected?
 - Should people who vote for members in dedicated seats also be able to vote for members in their general electorate? *YES*
15. Should there be a referendum about the introduction of dedicated seats? *NO*

Dad's side should have exactly the same length
as the bottom side to it. I can draw in, without
cutting, over the drawing. The next time see if you
will succeed in getting a drawing like this. I will be
glad to see it. I'll give you a little reward if you
draw the right drawing. I will be glad to see it.



STRATEGY 5: CHANGES TO THE ELECTORAL PROCESS

16. Should Queensland's electoral system seek to achieve representation of minority groups in Queensland? *YES 17 votes. Started at 17 votes*
17. Should the electoral system be reviewed to ensure that it is the most effective electoral system to represent the diverse interests of the Queensland community? *YES*
18. Would a different electoral system be likely to ensure greater representation of Indigenous peoples? *YES*

*Queensland should be like New South Wales & have a coalition
the way it decided by party & a coalition in each state
that way every one gets a fair go*

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

19. What other strategies could be used to enhance the participation of Indigenous peoples in the democratic process in Queensland?
20. What strategies or combination of strategies would best achieve enhanced participation of Indigenous peoples in the democratic process in Queensland?

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