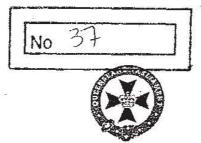
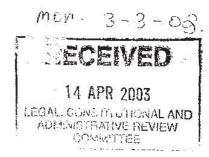
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HANDS ON PARLIAMENT -

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

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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?

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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?

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- · 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?

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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?
 - 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

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STRATEGY 4: DEDICATED SEATS

- 12. Would dedicated seats enhance the participation of Indigenous people in the democratic process in Queensland?
- 13. Are dedicated seats a good idea? Why or why not?
- 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?

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STRATEGY 5.	CHANGES TO	THE ELECTORAL	PROCESS

- 16. Should Queensland's electoral system seek to achieve representation of minority groups in Queensland?
- 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?
- 18. Would a different electoral system be likely to ensure greater representation of Indigenous peoples?

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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

19.	What other strategies	could l	e used	to	enhance	the	participation	of	Indigenous	peoples	in	the
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20.	What strategies or co	mbination of strategies	would best achie	eve enhanced par	rticipation of				
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