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Mrs Dianne Reilly MP
Chair
Legal, Constitutional and
Administrative Review Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mrs Reilly

Interim Evaluation of *Hands on Parliament* Recommendations

Thank you for your letter of 5 April 2007 regarding the interim evaluation of the recommendations arising from the Hands on Parliament inquiry.

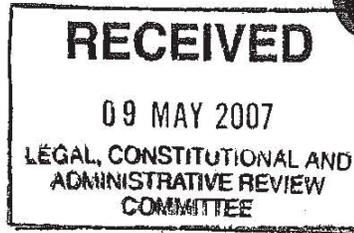
I have noted with interest the Consultation Paper, which identifies the large range of activities currently undertaken across Queensland Government to increase participation in democratic processes and decision making by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Several initiatives, such as the negotiation tables and the Government Champions program have been very successful. While the Department of Primary industries and Fisheries has no proposals for additional activities in this area, I look forward to receiving further information on the findings of the interim evaluation.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Justine Severin on telephone 07 323 93229 or email justine.severin@dpi.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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