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## Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee

### *Hands on Parliament*

Interim evaluation of the implementation of recommendations made following a parliamentary committee inquiry into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' participation in Queensland's democratic processes

### RESPONSE FORM

This form can be used to send your views to the committee. Please send it to:

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**Submissions close on Friday, 1 June 2007**

Extensions to the closing date may be given. If you need more time to make a submission, or if you require further information, contact the committee's secretariat on (07) 3406 7307.

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Interim evaluation of *Hands on Parliament* recommendations

The committee invites the people of Queensland to:

- read, consider and discuss the information in chapter 3 of the consultation paper; and
- make a submission;

so that all views and relevant information can be considered during the interim evaluation.

The committee will consider what change has been effected by the strategies implementing the *Hands on Parliament* recommendations and whether further action is required. Two relevant issues are whether, at the end of the first electoral cycle, each strategy adopted is:

- practical, workable and directed towards meeting the *Hands on Parliament* recommendations; and
- achieving or likely to achieve meaningful engagement of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders in democracy.

On these issues, the committee wants to hear your views.

The subjects of the *Hands on Parliament* recommendations are set out below. Please send us your views by sending this form (also available at [www.parliament.qld.gov.au/LCARC](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/LCARC)), a letter, email or audio tape.

**Formal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (pages 5 and 6)**

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**Political parties (pages 6 to 10)**

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**Enhanced and inclusive civics education (pages 10 to 13)**

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Australian Electoral Commission voter education activities (pages 20 and 21)

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[The role of ATSI and] efficient service delivery (pages 28 to 30)

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Indigenous Community Cabinets (pages 30 and 31)

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The role of community leaders (pages 31 to 33)

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Governments' appreciation of cultural differences (pages 33 and 34)

I FIND IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY  
A ABORIGINAL FLAG SHOULD BE FLYING  
BESIDE THE AUSTRALIAN FLAG IN BRISBANE.  
THEY ARE A GROUP OF PEOPLE, THERE ARE  
MANY GROUPS OF PEOPLE WHO COULD HAVE  
THEIR FLAG FLYING INSTEAD. FREEMASON'S,  
MUSLIMS, R.S.B., YOU ARE CREATING DIVISION  
BY STEALTH. *VF*

Fundamental legislative principles (pages 34 and 35)

LCARC's area of responsibility (page 35)

LCARC's agenda (pages 35 and 36)

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Assembly (page 37)

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Greater autonomy in the Torres Strait (pages 37 and 38)

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Dedicated seats (page 38)

I AM COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO SO CALLED DEDICATED SEATS ITS NOT DEMOCRATIC ANYONE THATS TOO LAZY OR DISINTERESTED TO GO THROUGH THE NORMAL PROCESS SHOULD NOT BE FAVORED WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OUR LIBERTIES ARE NOT CURTAILED. EG. 4 YEAR PARLIAMENT TERMS WHAT NEXT 10 YEARS TERMS ETC. NEXT YOU HAVE MUSLIMS WANTED DEDICATED SEATS MY PEOPLE CAME OUT HERE IN 1788 AND HAVE A RECORD OF KEEPING A EYE ON YOU PEOPLE. (THE GOVT)

Queensland's electoral system (pages 38 and 39)

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## GUIDELINES FOR MAKING A SUBMISSION

- There is no set form for a submission to the committee. Submissions may take the form of an email, a letter, a substantial paper or a short document and may include appendices. Submissions may contain facts, opinions, arguments and recommendations for action. The most useful submissions are to the point.
- The committee would prefer written submissions, but will also accept submissions on audio tape. Where possible, typed or printed text is preferable, though legible hand-written submissions are acceptable. Numbered pages and, for submissions in excess of 20 pages, a brief summary and a table of contents is also helpful.
- All submissions must include the name and contact details of the person making the submission. Those making a submission on behalf of an organisation should indicate at what level the submission has been authorised (eg, sub-committee, president, chair).
- Public officers may make submissions as private individuals. However, if reference is made in a submission to their official position, it should also be made clear that the submission is made in a private capacity. Submissions from government departments should be authorised in accordance with normal departmental procedure.

### **CONTENT AND RELEVANCE**

- A submission may cover some or all of the issues raised in the consultation paper. It would be helpful if submissions made clear reference to the relevant issue/recommendation.
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### **SUBMISSIONS CLOSE ON 1 JUNE 2007**

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