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Mr R D Doyle The Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Doyle

Please find enclosed the following response to Parliament - Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee Report No 23, May 2000, Issues of Queensland Electoral Reform arising from the 1998 State Election and amendments to the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.

It would be appreciated if you would make the necessary arrangements for the response to be "Tabled".

Yours sincerely

[Original Signed]

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Response to Parliament

LEGAL, CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT NO 23, MAY 2000, ISSUES OF QUEENSLAND ELECTORAL REFORM ARISING FROM THE 1998 STATE ELECTION AND AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL ACT 1918

Recommendations 1-10 are supported. The necessary amendments to the *Electoral Act 1992* will be introduced into the Legislative Assembly as soon as possible.

Recommendation 11 is also supported.

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The necessary amendments to the *Referendums Act 1997* will be introduced at the same time as the amendments to the *Electoral Act 1992*.

Any necessary amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993* will be incorporated in legislative amendments arising from the Review of Local Government Electoral Arrangements currently being undertaken by the Department of Communication and Information, Local Government and Planning.

The Department of Torres Straight Islander Policy and Development will amend the electoral provisions of the *Community Services (Aborigines) Regulation 1998* and *the Community Services (Torres Strait) Regulation 1998* as necessary to maintain consistency with the electoral provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*.