



Paul Henderson,

4 August 2006

M/s Julie Copley,  
Research Director,  
Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee  
Parliament House,  
George Street,  
BRISBANE 4000  
Dear M/s Copley,

**SUBMISSION ON THE SMERDON REPORTS**

I enclose my preliminary submission for inclusion in the Committee's deliberations.

My final submission will follow.

Sincerely,

Paul Henderson

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**PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION BY PAUL HENDERSON PURSUANT TO  
LCARC INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS ON THE REPORTS ON  
THE STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF THE OFFICES OF:**

**A. QUEENSLAND OMBUDSMAN ("QO")**

**B. QUEENSLAND INFORMATION COMMISSIONER ("QIC")**

I am presently conducting research into the history of the Strategic management of the Offices of the QO from 1974 to present and the Information Commissioner Queensland ("QIC") since 1992.

This involves, inter alia, examination of:

- EARC issues papers, submissions, interim and final reports on FOI.
- PEARC responses
- Annual tabled parliamentary reports from QO and QIC.
- Annual tabled parliamentary reports on FOI from the Justice and Attorney General.
- The 1998 inaugural report of the combined offices by Professor Ken Wiltshire ("The Wiltshire Report")
- The 2000 report of the combined offices by the Consultancy Bureau ("The Forster Report")
- References cited in the Smerdon reports.
- Responses by the Queensland Ombudsman and Queensland Information Commissioner to various.
- LCARC report on *Privacy In Queensland*
- Selected submissions from those received and tabled by LCARC in response to its 2000 discussion paper on FOI that were received prior to their tabling.
- The texts of presentations of persons who gave submissions to the March 2000 public hearings pursuant to LCARC's 2000 discussion paper on FOI.
- The submission made by the QIC ( via Deputy QIC, Mr. Sorensen) after the public hearings in March 2000.

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- Submissions made by persons in response to LCARC's discussion paper on *Accessibility of administrative Justice in Queensland ("AJQ")*, prior to the April 2006 public meeting.
  - Submissions made by persons in response to LCARC's discussion paper on AJQ, received by LCARC after the public meeting in April 2006.
  - The tabled LCARC report
  - Budgetary estimates since 1994
  - LCARC publications : Biennial report of LCARC meetings with David Bevan (Both offices) and Cathi Taylor (QIC Since May 2005)
  - The texts of presentations to be given by Mr Bevan and Cathi Taylor at the forthcoming LCARC meeting on the morning of 25 August 2006.
  - Media publications by Cedric Johnson, Frederick Albietz, David Bevan, Peter Beattie and Cathi Taylor and articles published by *Courier Mail* journalist, Hedley Thomas.
  - "Whole of Government" strategic management publications
  - Comparative case studies and managerial comparisons with other Australian States and Common Law jurisdictions where these offices or their equivalent exist.

#### MY FINAL SUBMISSION

My final submission will not be able to be fulsomely completed until after such time as I shall have had an opportunity to hear and evaluate the presentations scheduled for the LCARC public hearings on 25 August 2006, and until after the LCARC report on the AJQ has been tabled.

If the ALQ report will not be tabled in the near future, I shall reluctantly make my final submission without the benefit of being apprised of its content.

Sincerely,



Paul Henderson - 4 August 2006