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Mr Gary Fenlon MLA
Chair
Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee
Legislative Assembly of Queensland
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000



Submission No 16
Spec 33.4

Dear Mr Fenlon

Re: Inquiry Into Preventing Electoral Fraud

Thank you for your invitation to lodge a submission in respect of the above Inquiry.

Brisbane City Council has reviewed the Issues Paper (September 2000), specifically the key issues in relation to which the Committee invited response.

Council notes that a number of Committees and Commissions have conducted detailed investigation of the issues surrounding electoral fraud over the past decade.

Council strongly supports any reasonable action taken to minimise the incidence of or opportunity for electoral fraud, but also recognises the need to ensure citizens' participation in elections is not restricted. Whilst there may be a number of additional procedures which would limit the opportunity for misrepresentation and/or fraud, the complexity that these procedures might introduce into the existing system would appear to outweigh the resultant benefits. In the context of that latter position, Council does not make any specific recommendations.

Council does however appreciate the opportunity to respond to the detailed analysis contained in the Issues Paper.

Yours faithfully

John Orange
Acting Town Clerk
BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL