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Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Fenlon 

**Re: Review of The Queensland Constitutional Review Commission's
Recommendation Relating to the Consolidation of the Queensland
Constitution**

Thank you for your letter of 3 May 2000 inviting submissions on the Review of the Queensland Constitution.

In response to the matters under consideration in Stage 1 of the review, Council supports the removal of the superfluous words in the definition of "local government" found at clause 69(4) of the Constitution of Queensland Bill 1999. The other matters outlined for consideration in Stage 1 appear relatively non-controversial, and Council has no further submissions to make on this particular stage.

Council is however extremely concerned to contribute when the debate will focus upon the capacity to alter parts of the State Constitution that deal with Local Government. Whether such alteration is by the Governor and the Legislative Assembly by means of the ordinary process of legislation, or whether entrenched provisions ensure alteration results only by popular majority at referendum, is of critical importance to Council.

Thank you again for the opportunity to contribute to the creation of this seminal piece of legislation. Council looks forward to further participation in the general discussion.

Yours faithfully



Cr Jim Soorley
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