

## WESTERN SUB-REGION COUNCILS

*Councils of Boonah, Esk, Gatton, Ipswich, Laidley and Toowoomba*

26 May 2000

Chairperson  
Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000



*Submission No 12  
Spec 21.1*

Dear Sir

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

I refer to your committee's recent request for feedback on recommendations made by the Queensland Constitutional Review Commission in relation to consolidation of the Queensland Constitution.

This issue has recently been considered by WESROC and WESROC has authorised the following submission. As you are aware, WESROC consists of Ipswich City Council, Boonah Shire Council, Laidley Shire Council, Esk Shire Council, Gatton Shire Council and Toowoomba City Council.

While WESROC has no concerns about the matters outlined for consideration in Stage 1 of the review, WESROC is extremely anxious to ensure that if there are any proposals to amend those parts of the constitution which deal with local government that the State Government give careful consideration before adopting any such proposals. In particular, WESROC will be concerned if any proposals where put forward to alter the entrenchment provisions in relation to local government such that changes to, or the abolition of a system of local government could only be undertaken after a majority of Queenslanders decide to take such action at a referendum. Put simply, WESROC would be concerned if there was any suggestion that such provisions be changed.

WESROC would like to take the opportunity to thank your committee for the opportunity to comment and looks forward to further participation in any future discussions in relation to Stage 2 of your committee's review.

Yours faithfully



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Mayor of the City of Ipswich  
and Chairperson of WESROC