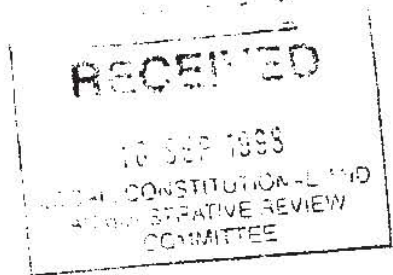




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Dear Mr Fenlon *Gary*

Thank you for the opportunity to examine the *Report of the Strategic Review of the Queensland Ombudsman* and to make submissions on the findings and recommendations of the *Report*.

The Office of the Ombudsman occupies a vital place in public administration and has the potential to strengthen its consultancy and advisory position with government departments and to provide a more strategic interface between government and the community. It is clear from the *Report* that, as with many other spheres of government, the Office of the Ombudsman has experienced increased demands on its services and resources in recent years.

I support in principle the recommendations which have been made as a result of the *Review* and trust that there will be resultant gains for both the Office of the Ombudsman and its clients.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review the *Report*. I trust these comments will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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