

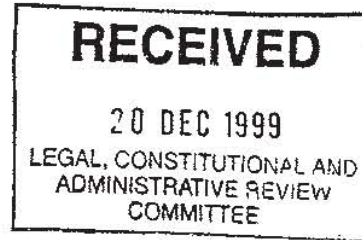


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BY FACSIMILE NO: 3406 7070

Dear Mr Fenlon

ROLE OF THE QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT IN TREATY MAKING

I refer to your letter of 17 November 1999 and advise that, given the limited time to comment on the position paper, the Society has only been able to obtain the views of its International Relations Committee and not the full Council of the Society.

The Society's International Relations Committee noted the proposals emanating from the seminar in June 1999 on the role of Parliaments in treaty making and also noted the preliminary position on these proposals by the Legal Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee. The International Relations Committee is of the opinion that the preliminary position outlined in the position paper is a sensible approach to addressing the role of the Queensland Parliament in treaty making and the International Relations Committee does not have any further suggestions in the limited time available to it to consider these issues.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony McMahon".

Tony McMahon
Chief Executive Officer