



Speech by

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**LEGAL, CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Report**

**Ms STRUTHERS** (Algester—ALP) (10.24 a.m.): I lay upon the table of the House report No. 42 of the Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee entitled *Hands on parliament: a parliamentary committee inquiry into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' participation in Queensland's democratic processes*. I also table submissions to the committee's inquiry.

The committee's inquiry stems from a recommendation of the Queensland Constitutional Review Commission. There are many significant activities occurring in Queensland aimed at advancing the economic, cultural and social status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This report builds on these activities by seeking to increase the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in democratic processes through measures that seek to unify, not divide, our community. The committee encourages all members of this House to consider and support these measures. The committee members commend the outstanding efforts of the committee staff throughout this inquiry.