

Select Committee on the Reform of the Australian Federation

A submission by Robyn Tan - Sunshine Coast, QLD

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Dear Senators,

RE: Re-establishment of Queensland Legislative Council

I would like to request that the Queensland Legislative Council be re-established so the QLD State Government is consistent with other Australian state government models. Currently, Queensland is a unicameral state, consisting of the QLD Legislative Assembly only. The QLD upper house was abolished in 1922.

Re-introducing a Legislative Council, elected by the QLD people, will help ensure:

- Cost effective allocation of Federal Government funding to priority reforms such as Regional Health and Public Transport
- An extra level of scrutiny of public spending by the QLD Government so that it can regain its AAA credit rating
- Less corruption in long term QLD Governments, hence a reduced need for costly royal commissions and tax payer funded court cases

The Queensland Constitution Act Amendment Act 1934 Section 3 requires a referendum to re-establish the QLD Legislative Council. To minimise cost to taxpayers, I recommend that the referendum be held during the next QLD state election. Perhaps this issue can be discussed at the next Council of Australian Government (COAG) meeting.

Thank You

Yours Sincerely,

Robyn Tan