

Submissions that included one or more of the following points:

- Australia was founded upon Judeo-Christian virtues and opening the parliament with a prayer has been a tradition since Federation.
- Australia recognises and proudly acknowledges its Christian heritage and traditions by continuing to use *The Lord's Prayer* at the beginning of each sitting day of Parliament. This should continue to occur.
- Removing the parliamentary prayer with the insipid secular alternative that is proposed by The Greens will not unite Australians or make Australia more inclusive but instead sow discord, and show that acknowledging our Christian roots is unwelcome in the public sphere.
- The Australian Parliament is derived from the Westminster System of Government where religion was part of the foundation of the system of government. It is important to continue to recognise our history.
- It is an historical reality that Australia was founded by a Christian nation (Britain) and settled as a Christian nation. These underpinnings of Christian tolerance mean we welcome equally people of all faiths or no faith at all. We deny our historical reality by doing away with our Christian heritage at our peril.