



14th March, 2014.

Mr. Ken G. Wyatt A.M.  
Chairman,  
Joint Select Committee of Constitutional  
Recognition of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Peoples,  
Parliament House,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Mr. Wyatt,

REVIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION.  
PREAMBLE.

Christianity seems to have given little thought to the words of  
Emeritus Professor Rene Dubos, who wrote in "A God Within":-

"Whilst the living earth still nurtures and shapes  
man, he now possesses the power to change it and to  
determine its fate, thereby determining his own fate.

The Biblical injunction of Genesis 2:15 "MAN WAS PUT  
IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN TO DRESS IT AND TO KEEP IT" is an  
early warning we are responsible for our environment.

To strive for environmental quality might be considered  
as an eleventh commandment".

The Garden of Eden was a world in ecological balance; and man  
together with all living creatures and plants dressed it;  
but man was also commanded in Exodus 2:8 to "REMEMBER THE  
SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY" - the Sabbath when God rested  
and saw his creation was good, according to the King James  
Bible translation by Cambridge scholars.

Islam also places emphasis on the environment - as the Imam  
explained in "Gardening Australia" on the A.B.C. last weekend.

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Enclosed is a CONSTITUTIONAL PREAMBLE composed from ideas put  
forward by eminent Australians at the proposed Republic Referendum.

In the "Christian" nation of Australia, I would appreciate your  
Panel consider this Preamble which gives credit to the Aboriginal  
Nation's stewardship of the land which we - now one Nation before  
GOD by whatever name - have in two centuries exploited and  
degraded through our lack of understanding of Aboriginal peoples'  
stewardship. This Preamble should make us value our legacy.

Yours truly,

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A CONSTITUTIONAL PREAMBLE.

A COMPOSITION OF IDEAS PUT FORWARD BY PROMINENT AUSTRALIANS  
PUBLISHED IN "THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN" ON P.14/15, 27/3/99,  
AND WORDS OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS BIOLOGIST RENE DUBOS ("A  
GOD WITHIN"); J.J.ROUSSEAU (RENOWNED AUTHOR) AND DR.ROGER  
SHORT (HEALTH CARE NETWORK, ROYAL WOMENS & CHILDRENS HOSPITAL,  
CARLTON - CO-AUTHOR OF "SINCE ADAM & EVE").

On this day, one hundred years since  
Federation, we, the people of this  
southern continent, Australia, and  
its satellite islands -

one nation before God -

hereby acknowledge its first inhabitants,  
the Aborigines, together with other living  
things, dressed this ancient land and kept  
it as a Garden of Eden in accordance with  
the precepts of Genesis 2:15 for many  
thousands of years.

We acknowledge our responsibility in this  
new millennium to protect and conserve  
our land, waters, air, flora and fauna.

We pledge to honour our commitment to  
representative democracy, the heritage  
and cultural diversity of all Australians,  
to the right of all citizens to human  
dignity, education, health, affordable  
justice, fairness and equality under  
the law and to freedom of speech,  
association and religion.

In trust and hope, we reaffirm our existing (\*)  
Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia.

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(\*) This may depend on outcome of  
Republic Referendum!