

**Electoral Reform
Strategic Policy
Department of Justice and Attorney-General
Attn: The Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP**

A submission by Robyn Tan

10 January 2013

Dear Attorney-General,

RE: Re-establishment of Queensland Legislative Council

I would like to request that the Queensland Legislative Council be re-established so that 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 open and accountable government providing the following:

- 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 reestablish the QLD Legislative Council. To minimize cost to taxpayers, I recommend that the referendum is held during the next QLD state election.

Thank You

Yours Sincerely,
Robyn Tan