1. A preamble is a descriptive component of an Act of Parliament or other legislation, generally placed after the long title and before the enacting words and the substantive sections. It may explain the reason, purpose, object or scope of the Act and/or discuss facts or values which are relevant to the Act.
2. Queensland’s Constitution does not currently contain a preamble. A lengthy preamble was contained in the *Constitution Act 1867* when it was enacted, containing information relative to the provisions as they were made at that time. The outdated preamble was repealed when the Constitution was consolidated into the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*. A preamble could be inserted by amendment to the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*.
3. The *Queensland 2020: Ideas to Action Forum* held in May 2008 recommended the recognition of Indigenous Australians as prior landowners in a preamble to the Constitution. The Government response to the Forum recommendations accepts this idea to insert a preamble into the *Constitution of Queensland 2001* which gives due recognition to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Queensland.
4. It is proposed to refer the development of a preamble text to the Legal Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee (LCARC). The terms of reference request that LCARC develop a draft preamble in consultation with key stakeholders, including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council.
5. Cabinet approved the referral of the development of a draft preamble for the *Constitution of Queensland 2001* to the Legal Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee by the Premier and the Leader of the House.
6. *Attachments*
* Nil.