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A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room 5.04, Level 5 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 11 June 1991 at 12.30 pm.

**Members present:**

Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy) - by telephone, Ms Robson, Dr Clark and Messrs Welford, Quinn and FitzGerald.

In attendance - Ms J Ransley, Research Director.

**Office of  
Parliamentary  
Counsel:**

Discussion ensued.

Meeting closed at 1.10 pm.

Confirmed this

15th

day of

July

1991.

Chairman

- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room A17 Parliament House, on Tuesday, 11 June 1991 at 2.45 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy), Ms Robson, Dr Clark and Messrs Weiford, Quinn and FitzGerald.

In attendance - Ms J Ransley, Research Director.

**Chairman's draft report on Judicial Review of Administrative Decisions and Actions:** The Chairman's draft report was read and adopted paragraph by paragraph, as amended.

**Tabling of Committee Reports:** Resolved that the Committee authorise the presentation of its report on Public Assembly Law prior to the next Parliamentary sitting day. Moved Dr Clark Seconded Mr FitzGerald.

Resolved that the Committee authorise the presentation of its report on Judicial Review of Administrative Decisions and Actions prior to the next Parliamentary Sitting Day. Moved Ms Robson Seconded Mr Stoneman.

**Review of Office of Parliamentary Counsel:** Discussion ensued.

**Address by Chairman:** The Chairman advised of an invitation to him to address a seminar on the drafting of legislation on Friday, 19 July 1991.

Meeting closed at 4.35 pm.

Confirmed this

4<sup>th</sup>

day of

  
Chairman

1991.

- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in the Committee Meeting Room, 6th Level, Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 16 June 1992 at 3.35 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson and Messrs Weiford, and Fitzgerald.

In attendance - Ms J Ransley, Research Director.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Thursday 11 June 1992 were confirmed. Moved Dr Clark, Seconded Mr Fitzgerald.

**Correspondence:** **Inwards:**

- Copy correspondence between EARC and Mr S Stokes
- D O'Shea, Electoral Commissioner, dated 15 June 1992
- Commissioner Hunter dated 16 June 1992
- Mr Stoneman dated 16 June 1992

**Outwards:**

- The Attorney-General dated 11 June 1992
- The Premier dated 11 June 1992
- Commissioner Hall dated 11 June 1992
- Commissioner Hunter dated 11 June 1992
- Commissioner Hughes dated 11 June 1992
- Commissioner Davies dated 11 June 1992

Agreed to write to relevant local authorities regarding the letter from the Electoral Commission.

The Meeting closed at 4.05 pm.

Confirmed this

*2nd*

day of

*July*

1992.

Chairman

- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room 5.04, Level 5 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Thursday 4 July 1991 at 10.35 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy) - by telephone, Ms Robson, Dr Clark and Messrs Weiford, Quinn and FitzGerald.

In attendance - Ms J Ransley, Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Tuesday 11 June 1991 at 9.45 am were confirmed, moved Mr Welford, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

Minutes of meeting of 11 June 1991 at 2.45 pm were confirmed, moved Dr Clark, seconded Mr Quinn.

**Meeting with the Parliamentary Counsel:** Agreed that the Committee would meet on an informal basis with Mr John Leahy, Queensland Parliamentary Counsel, to obtain his input on the review of the Office of Parliamentary Counsel.

**Correspondence:** **Inwards -**

- Ms A McCormack, Children by Choice Association, dated 31 May 1991.
- Mr C Griffith, Queensland Watchdog Committee, dated 3 June 1991.
- Ms A Read, Queensland Country Women's Association, dated 16 June 1991.

**Outwards -**

- Ms A McCormack, dated 14 June 1991.
- Mr C Griffith, dated 14 June 1991.
- Ms A Read, dated 1 July 1991.
- Mr T Sherman, dated 2 July 1991.

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Inwards correspondence received and outwards correspondence adopted, moved Ms Robson, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

**Office of  
Parliamentary  
Counsel:**

Discussed ensued.

Meeting closed at 11.35 am.

Confirmed this

15<sup>th</sup>

day of

July  


1991.

Chairman

DRAFT

16 July 1991

Councillor Elizabeth Cunningham  
Shire Chairman  
Calliope Shire Council  
Council Chambers  
Don Cameron Drive  
CALLIOPE QLD 4680

Dear Councillor Cunningham

Thank you for your letter of 12 July 1991 with an attached copy of a letter dated 12 July 1991 to the Chairman of the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission.

The Parliamentary Committee has also been furnished with copies of other correspondence relevant to this issue, namely your letter dated 10 July 1991 to Mr Brian Hunter, Commissioner of the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission, Commissioner Brian Hunter's letter dated 11 July 1991 to the Chairman of the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission, letter dated 12 July 1991 from Mr Tom Sherman, Chairman of the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission and a further letter dated 12 July 1991 from Mr Sherman, Chairman of the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission to you in response to your letter a copy of which was attached to your correspondence with this Committee.

The Committee notes that, following the request from your council, Commissioner Hunter has decided to take no part in the Commission's inquiry and report so far as it relates to external boundary issues involving Gladstone, Calliope and Miriam Vale. The Committee further notes the statement by the Chairman of the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission in the Commission's second letter to you dated 12 July 1991 that "that there have been no deliberations by this Commission on the arguments for and against any boundary change relating to Gladstone/Calliope/Miriam Vale".

The Parliamentary Committee has a function under section 5.8(1)(a) of the *Electoral and Administrative Review Act 1989-1990* to monitor and review the discharge of the functions of the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission and your letter will form part of the Committee's scrutiny under that provision. In accordance with the Committee's established practice the Committee will call for public submissions following presentation of the report of the Commission to the Committee, the Speaker and the Premier.

Yours sincerely

Matt Foley MLA  
Chairman

- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room 5.04, Level 5 of the Parliamentary Annexe on Monday, 15 July 1991 at 10.10 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Ms Robson, and Messrs Welford, Quinn and FitzGerald.

**Apologies:** Dr Clark.

In attendance - Ms J Ransley, Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Thursday, 4 July 1991 at 10.35 am were confirmed, moved Ms Robson, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

Minutes of meeting of 4 July 1991 at 12.30 pm were confirmed, moved Mr Welford, seconded Mr Quinn.

**Correspondence:** **Inwards -**

- Mr Peter Beattie MLA, dated 17 & 18 June 1991.
- Cr Elizabeth Cunningham, Chairman Calliope Shire Council, dated 12 July 1991.

**Outwards -**

- Mr Peter Beattie MLA, dated 8 July 1991.

Inwards correspondence received and outwards correspondence adopted, moved Ms Robson, seconded Mr Stoneman.

Resolved that the committee reply to the letter from Cr Cunningham in accordance with the terms of the draft letter annexed hereto, moved Mr Stoneman, seconded Ms Robson.

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**Deputy Chairman's  
Evidence to EARC:**

The Deputy Chairman drew to the attention of the Committee his submission to EARC on its review of the external boundaries of local authorities, and his evidence, given at EARC's invitation and based on his local knowledge, to a public hearing on that issue.

**Office of the  
Parliamentary  
Counsel:**

Discussion ensued.

Meeting adjourned at 12.45 pm.  
Meeting resumed at 3.10 pm.  
Meeting closed at 4.05 pm.

Confirmed this

*16th*

day of

*July*

1991.

*W. J. F. F. F.*

Chairman



- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B29, Parliament House on Tuesday, 16 July 1991 at 12.10 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy), Ms Robson, Dr Clark and Messrs Welford, Quinn and FitzGerald.

In attendance - Ms J Ransley, Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Monday, 15 July 1991 were confirmed, moved Mr Weiford, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

**Chairman's draft report on Office of the Parliamentary Counsel:** The Chairman's draft report was read and adopted paragraph by paragraph, as amended.

**Next Meeting:** Agreed to discuss strategic planning of future committee activities at the next committee meeting to be held Thursday, 18 July 1991 at 12.00 noon.

Meeting closed at 12.25 pm.

Confirmed this

18<sup>th</sup>

day of

July

1991.



Chairman

- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B27, Parliament House on Thursday 18 July 1991 at 12.10 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Ms Robson, Dr Clark, Messrs Welford and FitzGerald.

**Apologies:** Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman) and Mr Quinn.

In attendance - Ms J Ransley, Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Tuesday, 16 July 1991 were confirmed, moved Mr Welford, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

**Public Sector Auditing Review:** Resolved that upon receipt of EARC's report the Committee will advertise calling for submissions to be made within 4 weeks.

**Planning for forthcoming Committee Activities:** Agreed that the Committee would plan a series of visits to local authority areas including those listed by EARC for possible amalgamation, and that the focus of such visits be general, to discuss the impact on local government of the electoral and administrative review process including Freedom of Information, Judicial Review, Local Authority Electoral System and External Boundaries issues.

Agreed that the visits will, where possible, be by the Chairman, the member of the Committee concerned with the local area, and a non-government party member, together with an open ended invitation to all other Committee members to participate.

Agreed that the Committee explore the possibility of attending the Local Government Association Conference in Cairns beginning 25 August 1991.

Agreed that Committee funds should be applied for the conduct of the study and research tours.

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Agreed that the Committee aim to present reports as follows:

- Public Sector Auditing in either the sitting week commencing 10 September 1991 or 1 October 1991.
- Whistleblowers' Protection in the sitting week commencing 22 October 1991.
- Resources for Non-Government Members in the sitting week commencing 26 November 1991.
- Electoral Administration and Funding by the end of February 1992.
- Local Government External Boundaries by Friday 20 December 1991.

**Future Committee Meetings:**

Agreed to meet as follows:

- Tuesday 20 August 1991 at 3.00 pm, to discuss public sector auditing;
- Thursday 22 August 1991 at 12.00 noon;
- Tuesday 3 September 1991 at 3.00 pm;
- Wednesday 4 September 1991 at 4.00 pm; and

with a view to the public sector auditing report being adopted at the Committee meeting on Wednesday 4 September 1991.

Meeting closed at 1.00 pm.

Confirmed this

*21st*

day of

*August*

1991.

*[Signature]*

Chairman

## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room A17, Parliament House on Wednesday 21 August 1991 at 4.05 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Ms Robson, Dr Clark, Messrs Weiford, Quinn and FitzGerald.

**Apologies:** Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman).

In attendance - Ms J Ransley, Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Thursday 18 July 1991 were confirmed moved Ms Robson seconded Mr FitzGerald.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Inwards -**

- W A Saxvik, Shire Clerk, Isisford Shire Council dated 28 June 1991
- B H Penrose, dated 7 July 1991
- D S Maroevic, dated 10 July 1991
- G P & J B Mitchell, dated 9 July 1991
- S J Keim, Barrister, dated 15 July 1991
- Hon R McLean MLA, Minister for Administrative Services, dated 30 May 1991
- J Wehlow, Town Clerk, Charters Towers City Council, dated 25 July 1991
- G & J Groves, dated 22 July 1991
- W Edmond MLA, dated 12 August 1991

#### **Outwards -**

- W A Saxvik, dated 12 July 1991
- B H Penrose, dated 12 July 1991
- T Sherman, dated 12 July 1991
- D S Maroevic, dated 19 July 1991
- G P & J B Mitchell, dated 22 July 1991
- T Sherman, dated 22 July 1991
- S Keim, dated 24 July 1991
- Professor Eileen Byrne, dated 24 July 1991
- J Wehlow, dated 1 August 1991
- G & J Groves, dated 1 August 1991
- T Sherman, dated 1 August 1991

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- W Edmond MLA, dated 16 August 1991
- T Sherman, dated 16 August 1991

Inward correspondence received and outwards correspondence adopted, moved Mr Welford seconded Mr Quinn.

**Proposed  
Legislation:**

The Chairman advised members of proposed legislation amending the *Electoral and Administrative Review Act 1989-1990*.

**Local  
Government  
Conference:**

Members wishing to attend the conference were asked to advise the Research Director as quickly as possible.

**Local  
Government External  
Boundaries Review:**

Resolved that the Chairman write to the Chairman of the Commission referring to previous correspondence with respect to the Calliope Shire and Gladstone City Councils, drawing to the Commission's attention the provisions for disclosure of Commissioner's registrable interests under Section 7.4 of the *Electoral and Administrative Review Act 1989-1990*.

Meeting closed at 4.40 pm.

Confirmed this

*3rd*

day of

*September*

1991.

*W. J. Lodge*

Chairman

## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room A17 Parliament House on Tuesday 3 September 1991 at 3.05 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Ms Robson, Dr Clark, Messrs Welford and FitzGerald.

**Apologies:** Mr Quinn.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of 21 August 1991 were confirmed, moved Mr FitzGerald seconded Dr Clark.

**Local Government Association Conference:** Agreed that the Research Director circulate to Committee members copies of motions from the Conference relevant to the Committee.

**Future meetings:** Agreed to meet as follows:

- Thursday 19 September 1991 - 10.00 am - teleconference to be arranged if required
- Tuesday 1 October 1991 - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 3 October 1991 - 3.00 pm
- Tuesday 8 October 1991 - 3.00 pm
- Thursday 10 October 1991 - 3.00 pm

### **Correspondence:**

Inwards: Mr S McCracken, dated 13 August 1991

Outwards: Mr S McCracken, dated 22 August 1991

Inward correspondence received and outwards correspondence adopted, moved Ms Robson seconded Mr Stoneman. Agreed that the Research Director forward copies of this correspondence to the relevant Minister.

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**Meeting cancelled:** Agreed that the meeting set down for 4 September 1991 be cancelled.

Meeting closed at 3.35 pm.

Confirmed this

*19<sup>th</sup>*

day of

*September*

1991.



Chairman

## **- M I N U T E S -**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room A17 Parliament House on Thursday 19 September 1991 at 10.10 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Ms Robson, Dr Clark, Messrs Welford and Quinn.

**Apologies:** Mr FitzGerald.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of 3 September 1991 were confirmed, moved Mr Stoneman seconded Mr Welford.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Inwards -**

- Mr G Kanofski, Shire Clerk, Calliope Shire Council dated 11 September 1991.
- Mr P Davidson, dated 23 June 1991 and 5 August 1991.
- Councillor P Petrie, Chairman, Woongarra Shire Council, dated 16 September 1991.
- Mr T Sherman, dated 17 September 1991.

#### **Outwards -**

- Mr T Sherman, dated 3 September 1991.
- Mr G Kanofski, dated 18 September 1991.
- Mr P Davidson, dated 18 September 1991.

### **Committee Research Trip:**

Agreed that the Chairman and other Committee members visit Townsville, Gladstone and Bundaberg from Wednesday 25 September to Friday 27 September 1991 for discussions with local authorities.

Agreed that possible further trips include -

- Logan/Albert/Gold Coast region on Friday 4 October 1991.
- Darling Downs/Cook Shire region from Monday 14 October to Friday 18 October 1991.



**Public Sector Auditing  
Review:**

Agreed to invite members of the Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts to meet with Committee members to discuss relevant issues on 8 October 1991 at 3.30 pm, following the formal Committee meeting at 3.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 11.05 am.

Confirmed this

*1st*

day of

*October*

1991.



Chairman

## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room A17 Parliament House on Tuesday 1 October 1991 at 3.05 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson, Messrs Quinn and Welford.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of 19 September 1991 were confirmed, moved Mr Quinn seconded Ms Robson.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Inwards -**

- Senator Chris Schacht - dated 17 September 1991.
- Mr A R Woodward, Clerk of the Parliament - dated 20 September 1991.
- Mr T Sherman - dated 24 September 1991.

#### **Outwards -**

- Mr Ken Hayward MLA, Chairman Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts - dated 30 September 1991.
- Senator Chris Schacht - dated 30 September 1991.
- Mr Peter Beattie MLA, Chairman Parliamentary Criminal Justice Committee - dated 30 September 1991.

#### **Review of Public Sector Auditing:**

Discussion ensued.

#### **Review of External Boundaries of Local Authorities:**

Discussion ensued.

Meeting closed at 3.15 pm.

Confirmed this

*8th*

day of

*October*

1991.

  
Chairman

## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in the Meeting Room, Level 9, Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 8 October 1991 at 3.50 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Ms Robson, Messrs FitzGerald and Weiford.

**Apologies:** Messrs Stoneman, Quinn and Dr Clark.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Tuesday 1 October 1991 were confirmed, moved Mr Welford seconded Ms Robson.

### **Correspondence:**

**Inwards -**

- Ms Alison Bohannon dated 20 September 1991.
- Mr F Cernovs dated 30 September 1991.

**Outwards -**

- Mr T Sherman dated 4 October 1991.
- Mr Peter Beattie MLA dated 2 October 1991.
- Ms A Bohannon dated 30 September 1991.
- Mr F Cernovs dated 2 October 1991.
- Mr A Johnson dated 2 October 1991.
- Mr N P Weil dated 2 October 1991.
- Mr B Cruse dated 2 October 1991.

Inwards correspondence received and outwards adopted moved Mr FitzGerald seconded Ms Robson.

**Next Meetings:** 22 October 1991 at 3.00 pm.  
24 October 1991 at 3.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 4.10 pm.

Confirmed this *22nd* day of *October* 1991.

  
Chairman

## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room 5.04, Level 5, Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 22 October 1991 at 3.05 pm.

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- Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Messrs FitzGerald and Welford.
- Apologies:** Mr Quinn, Ms Robson and Dr Clark.  
In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.
- Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Tuesday 8 October 1991 were confirmed, moved Mr FitzGerald seconded Mr Welford.
- Recent committee research visits:** The Chairman recorded his thanks to all members of the Committee who participated in the Committee's recent research visits to the Townsville, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Gympie, Maryborough, Mackay, Darling Downs, Logan and Gold Coast areas.
- Possible public hearing:** Discussion ensued.
- Expected EARC report:** The Chairman advised that the following EARC reports are expected to be received in the near future:
- Whistleblower protection - week commencing 28 October 1991.
- Agreed to advertise calling for submissions for four weeks on receipt of this report.
- External Boundaries of Local Authorities - on 31 October 1991 or shortly thereafter.
- Invitation to Chairman:** The Chairman advised of an invitation to him from the Institute of Municipal Management to address the half yearly conference of the North Queensland Branch in Townsville on 24-26 November 1991.
- Agreed that the Committee bear the expense of the Chairman's travel to Townsville for this purpose.

**Public sector  
auditing:**

Discussed ensued.

Meeting closed at 4.00 pm.

Confirmed this *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *October* 1991.



Chairman

## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room 5.04, Level 5, Parliamentary Annexe on Thursday 24 October 1991 at 4.00 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Ms Robson, Messrs FitzGerald and Welford.

**Apologies:** Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Mr Quinn and Dr Clark.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Tuesday 22 October 1991 were confirmed, moved Mr FitzGerald seconded Mr Welford.

**Future committee meetings:**

Agreed to meet on:

- Tuesday 29 October 1991 at 2.15 pm.
- Thursday 31 October 1991 at 3.00 pm.

Agreed that so far as possible, Committee members keep free for Committee business the following periods:

- 18 - 23 November 1991.
- 9 - 13 December 1991.
- 16 - 20 December 1991.

**Committee staffing:**

Agreed that in view of the Committee's anticipated workload in forthcoming months, particularly in relation to the review of external boundaries of local authorities, the Committee seeks approval for the appointment of an additional seconded research officer for the period from the beginning of November 1991 until the end of March 1992.

Moved Ms Robson, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

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Meeting closed at 4.25 pm.

Confirmed this

*29<sup>th</sup>*

day of

*October*

1991.



Chairman

## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room 5.04, Level 5, Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 29 October 1991 at 2.15 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Ms Robson, Dr Clark, Messrs FitzGerald and Welford.

**Apologies:** Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman) and Mr Quinn.  
In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Thursday 24 October 1991 were confirmed, moved Mr Weiford seconded Mr FitzGerald.

**Review of external boundaries of local authorities:** The Chairman notified the Committee of advice from EARC that its report is now expected by 14 November 1991 or shortly afterwards, and that the report is likely to include consideration of issues raised regarding the Cook Shire Council.

Agreed that the Committee investigate the possibility of visiting the Cook Shire Council and Aboriginal communities in the area in the periods from 6-8 November and 18-22 November 1991.

**Public sector auditing:** Discussion ensued.

**Whistleblowers' protection:** Discussion ensued.

Meeting closed at 3.00 pm.

Confirmed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1991.



Chairman



## **- M I N U T E S -**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room 5.04, Level 5, Parliamentary Annexe on Thursday 14 November 1991 at 12.25 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Ms Robson, Dr Clark, Messrs FitzGerald, Welford and Quinn.

**Apologies:** Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman).

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Tuesday 29 October 1991 were confirmed, moved Mr Welford seconded Mr FitzGerald.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Inwards -**

- Blackall Shire Council - dated 9 October 1991.
- Chinchilla Shire Council - dated 24 October 1991.
- Rosenthal Shire Council - dated 1 November 1991.

#### **Outwards -**

- Blackall Shire Council - dated 28 October 1991.
- Chinchilla Shire Council - dated 28 October 1991.
- The Acting Clerk of Parliament - dated 5 November 1991.

Inwards correspondence received and outwards adopted, moved Ms Robson seconded Mr FitzGerald.

### **External Boundaries of Local Authorities:**

The Chairman advised that EARC now expects to present its report on Thursday 21 November 1991 at 10.00 am.

Agreed to call for submissions closing 12.00 noon 31 December 1991.

Agreed that possible options for dates for any public hearings to be held by the Committee on the issue are as follows:

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- 9-13 December 1991.
- 16-20 December 1991.
- 6-10 January 1992.

Agreed to write to all local authorities advising of EARC's expected presentation date, and the Committees call for submissions.

**Public Sector  
Auditing:**

Agreed that a final preliminary draft be available for discussion at the next committee meeting and that the Committee aim to adopt the report at a meeting on Tuesday 26 November 1991.

**Next Meeting:**

Agreed to meet as follows:

- Thursday 21 November at 10.15 am.
- Tuesday 26 November at 12.00 noon.
- Thursday 28 November at 12.00 noon.

Meeting closed at 1.05 pm.

Confirmed this

*21st*

day of *November* 1991.



Chairman

## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room 5.04, Level 5, Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 21 November 1991 at 10.20 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Messrs Quinn, FitzGerald and Welford.

**Apologies:** Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Ms Robson and Dr Clark.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Thursday 14 November 1991 were confirmed, moved Mr FitzGerald seconded Mr Welford.

**External Boundaries of Local Authorities:** Discussion ensued.

Agreed that the Committee would hold public hearings as follows:

- Monday 9 December 1991 - Warwick region
- Tuesday 10 December 1991 -  
AM Gympie/Widgee; PM Maryborough/Woocoo
- Wednesday 11 December 1991 -  
AM Bundaberg/Woongarra/Gooburrum;  
PM Gladstone/Calliope
- Thursday 12 December 1991 -  
AM Mackay/Pioneer; PM Townsville/Thuringowa

Agreed that the Chairman write to the affected Councils advising of the proposed date for public hearings, and inviting their participation by way of 15 minute opening statement, followed by Committee questioning/discussion for a further 45 minutes, to be supplemented by a one hour inspection by mini-bus where appropriate.

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The meeting closed at 12.00 noon.

Confirmed this

*26th*

day of

*November*

1991.



Chairman

## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room 5.04, Level 5, Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 26 November 1991 at 12.00 noon.

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<b>Members present:</b>	Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy), Ms Robson, Dr Clark, Messrs Quinn and Welford.  In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.
<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b>	Minutes of meeting of Thursday 21 November 1991 were confirmed, <u>moved</u> Mr Quinn <u>seconded</u> Mr Foley.
<b>External Boundaries of Local Authorities:</b>	<u>Agreed</u> that the Committee hold public hearings, in addition to those already agreed, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday 17 December 1991 - Glengallan/Warwick/Rosenthal Councils</li><li>• Wednesday 18 December 1991 - Local Government Association, Trades and Labour Council, Municipal Officers Association, Communities Against Forced Amalgamation.</li><li>• Thursday 19 December 1991 - Brisbane/Logan/Albert/Gold Coast Councils</li></ul>
<b>Public Sector Auditing:</b>	Discussion ensued.
<b>Resources for Non-Government Members:</b>	The Chairman advised that EARC's report is expected to be tabled on Tuesday 3 December 1991.  <u>Agreed</u> to advertise inviting submissions by Friday 17 January 1991.
<b>Review of the Act:</b>	<u>Agreed</u> to place this matter on the Agenda for the next Committee meeting.
<b>Public Hearings with the EARC Commissioners:</b>	<u>Agreed</u> to place this matter on the Agenda for the next Committee meeting.

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The meeting closed at 1.05 pm.

Confirmed this *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *November* 1991.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. J. Foley', is written in a cursive style.

Chairman

## **- M I N U T E S -**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B29 Parliament House on Thursday 28 November 1991 at 12.00 noon.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson, Messrs Welford, Quinn and FitzGerald.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Tuesday 26 November 1991 were confirmed, moved Ms Robson seconded Mr Stoneman.

**Review of the Act:** Agreed to advertise calling for submissions to be made by mid February 1992, and to write to relevant interest group, for example the Local Government Association, the Public Sector Union, and RiPAA, seeking submissions.

**Public Hearing with EARC Commissioners:** Agreed to hold a hearing in February 1992.

### **Correspondence:**

**inwards -**

- Mr C T Crompton, Pioneer Shire Council dated 27 November 1991.
- Mr G Kennaugh, Rosenthal Shire Council dated 27 November 1991.
- Alderman L Tyrell, Thuringowa City Council dated 27 November 1991.
- Councillor P Petrie, Woongarra Shire Council dated 27 November 1991.
- Mr R J Gessling, Gooburrum Shire Council dated 27 November 1991.

Inwards correspondence received moved Dr Clark seconded Mr Quinn.

Agreed to table the report in Parliament on Tuesday 3 December 1991.

## Whistleblowers' Protection:

Discussion ensued.

### Local Government External Boundaries:

Discussion ensued.

### Next Committee Meetings:

Agreed to meet as follows:

- Tuesday 3 December 1991 at 3.00 pm.
- Thursday 5 December 1991 at 3.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 1.05 pm.

Confirmed this 3rd day of December 1991.

W. J. Faby

**Chairman**



## **- M I N U T E S -**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B29 Parliament House on Tuesday 3 December 1991 at 3.05 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Dr Clark and Messrs Quinn and FitzGerald.

**Apologies:** Ms Robson and Mr Welford.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Thursday 28 November 1991 were confirmed, moved Mr FitzGerald seconded Dr Clark.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Inwards -**

- Mr D E Ede, Cambooya Shire Council dated 27 November 1991.
- Mr J Hill, Woocoo Shire Council dated 29 November 1991.
- Mr V Donovan, Fitzroy Shire Council dated 28 November 1991.
- Mr N Mills, Mulgrave Shire Council dated 27 November 1991.
- Swannick, Murray and Roche Solicitors dated 28 November 1991.

#### **Outwards -**

- Alderman L Tyrell, Thuringowa City Council dated 29 November 1991.
- Mr G Kennaugh, Rosenthal Shire Council dated 29 November 1991.
- Mr T P Crompton, Pioneer Shire Council dated 29 November 1991.
- Councillor P Petrie, Woongarra Shire Council dated 28 November 1991.
- Mr R Gessling, Gooburrum Shire Council dated 28 November 1991.
- Mr M Simons, Queensland Times dated 29 November 1991.
- Mr J Mikkelsen, Gladstone Observer dated 29 November 1991.
- Rockhampton Morning Bulletin dated 29 November 1991.

Inwards correspondence received and outwards correspondence adopted, moved Mr Quinn seconded Dr Clark.

**Local Government  
External Boundaries:**

Discussion ensued.

Meeting closed at 3.35 pm.

Confirmed this

*5<sup>th</sup>*

day of

*December*

1991.



Chairman

## **- M I N U T E S -**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held on Thursday 5 December 1991 at 3.05 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson, Messrs FitzGerald and Quinn.

**Apologies:** Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman) and Mr Welford.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Tuesday 3 December 1991 were confirmed moved Mr FitzGerald, seconded Mr Quinn.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Inwards -**

- . Swanwick Murray and Roche, Solicitors dated 28 November 1991.
- . Mr R Kernke, Woongarra Shire Council, dated 5 December 1991.
- . Mr B Littleproud MLA, Member for Condamine, dated 2 December 1991.

Inwards correspondence received, moved Ms Robson, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

#### **Review of Local Government External Boundaries:**

Agreed to invite representatives of the Institute of Municipal Management and the Australian Workers' Union to appear at the public hearings of the Committee to be held in Brisbane on Wednesday 18 December 1991.

Agreed that steps be taken to seek the authority of the House to empower the Committee to authorise the publication of submissions made to the Committee on its review of the external boundaries of local authorities, moved Ms Robson, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

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Meeting closed at 3.50 pm.

Confirmed this

7<sup>th</sup>

day of

January

1992.

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Chairman

**- M I N U T E S -**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held on Monday 9 December 1991 at 9.15 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson and Mr Quinn.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.

**Review of Local  
Authorities External  
Boundaries:**

Agreed that pursuant to the resolution of the House of Thursday 5 December 1991, the Committee authorise publication of the submission to it from the Clifton Shire Council.

The meeting closed at 9.18 am.

Confirmed this

7<sup>th</sup>

day of January 1992.



Chairman

- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held on Wednesday 18 December 1991 at 10.45 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Ms Robson, Dr Clark, Messrs FitzGerald and Welford.

**Review of Local Government External Boundaries:** Agreed that pursuant to the resolution of the House of 5 December 1991, the Committee authorise the publication of transcripts of its public hearings on this matter up to and including the hearing held on 17 December 1991, moved Ms Robson, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

**Next Meeting:** Agreed to meet on 7 January 1992 at 10.00 am.

The meeting closed at 11.05 am.

Confirmed this

7<sup>th</sup>

day of January 1992.



Chairman

**- M I N U T E S -**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held on Thursday 19 December 1991 at 11.05 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Ms Robson, Messrs FitzGerald, Quinn and Welford.

**Apologies:** Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman) and Dr Clark.

**Local Government External Boundaries:** Agreed to consider authorisation of publication of submissions at the meeting to be held 7 January 1992.

(The meeting adjourned at 11.20 am.)

(The meeting resumed at 2.05 pm.)

Agreed that pursuant to the resolution of the House of 5 December 1991, the Committee authorise the publication of transcripts of its public hearings held 18 December 1991 and 19 December 1991, moved Mr Welford, seconded Mr Quinn.

Resolved that the Committee will not in its current review consider the proposal to amalgamate the Gold Coast City Council with the Albert Shire Council, as submitted to it by the Gold Coast City Council, but may make recommendations as to how this matter should be dealt with, moved Mr FitzGerald, seconded Ms Robson.

(The meeting adjourned at 2.35 pm.)

(The meeting resumed at 4.15 pm.)

**Review of the Electoral and Administrative Review Act:** Agreed to advertise calling for submissions on this matter by 28 February 1992. Moved Ms Robson, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

**Review of Elections Act:** Agreed to advertise calling for submissions on this matter by 28 February 1992.

Moved Mr Welford, seconded Mr Quinn.

**Next Meeting:** Agreed to meet on 28 January 1992 at 10.00 am.

**Local Government  
External Boundaries:** Discussion ensued regarding the EARC report with particular relevance to the issue of cost benefit analysis and the implementation costs of the proposed amalgamation.

**General Business:** The Chairman advised that the positions of two part-time EARC Commissioners would shortly be advertised, as the appointments of Commissioners Hall and Watson-Blake are due to be completed in early 1992. The Chairman also advised of discussions he held with Mr Sherman regarding newspaper speculation about Mr Sherman's future.

Meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

Confirmed this

27<sup>th</sup>

day of

January 1992.

Chairman



## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room 5.04, Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday 7 January 1992 at 10.10 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson, Messrs Quinn and Welford.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.

**Apologies:** Mr FitzGerald.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Thursday 5 December 1991 were confirmed moved Dr Clark, seconded Mr Quinn.

Minutes of meeting of Monday 9 December 1991 were confirmed moved Mr Quinn, seconded Ms Robson.

Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 18 December 1991 were confirmed moved Ms Robson, seconded Dr Clark.

Minutes of meeting of Thursday 19 December 1991 were confirmed moved Mr Quinn seconded Mr Welford.

**Committee study trips:** Agreed that Committee members and staff undertake a study trip to New Zealand and Victoria between Sunday 26 January and Friday 31 January 1992 to investigate issues relevant to the Committee's review of EARC's report on the external boundaries of local authorities.

Agreed that the Chairman visit Sydney on Wednesday 8 January 1992 to discuss with representatives of the New South Wales Local Government Boundaries Commission issues relevant to the Committee's review of EARC's report on the External Boundaries of Local Authorities.

**Matters raised in  
submissions:**

Agreed to write to the Chairman of the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission regarding matters raised in certain submissions to the Committee, concerning the role of Commissioner Hunter in the review of Local Authorities Boundaries, enclosing copies of those submissions and seeking the Commission's response.

Agreed to note in that letter that it is the Committee's view that it would be contrary to the public interest and in contravention to Standing Order 206 for this material to be placed on the Commission's public register at this stage.

**Submissions on Local  
Authority External  
Boundaries:**

Agreed to send to each Council affected by an EARC recommendation for boundary change copies of submissions relevant to that area authorised for publication by the Committee.

Agreed that pursuant to the resolution of the House of Thursday 5 December 1991, submissions no. 2 to 2716 inclusive be authorised for publication save for those specifically noted otherwise, as set out in the attached schedule, moved Dr Clark, seconded Mr Stoneman.

**Next meeting:**

Agreed to meet on Monday 10 February 1992 at 10.00 am.

Meeting closed at 4.55 pm.

Confirmed this

10<sup>th</sup>

day of February 1992.



Chairman

## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room A17, Parliament House on Monday, 10 February 1992 at 10.15 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Dr Clark (by telephone), Ms Robson, Messrs FitzGerald and Welford.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.

**Apologies:** Mr Quinn.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Tuesday, 7 January 1992 were confirmed moved Mr Stoneman, seconded Ms Robson.

### **Correspondence:**

**Inwards -**

- Mrs J Whitworth, NSW Local Government Boundaries Commission - dated 14 January 1992.
- Mr Tom Sherman - dated 6 January 1992.
- Mr Tom Sherman - dated 23 January 1992.
- Mr F G Bradley - dated 16 February 1992.
- Ms D Boyle, Cairns City Council - dated 10 January 1992.
- Mr G Hoffman, Local Government Association - dated 5 January 1992.

**Outwards -**

- Mrs J Whitworth - dated 29 January 1992.
- Mr Tom Sherman - dated 29 January 1992.
- Mr Tom Sherman - dated 29 January 1992.
- Mr E Adamson, Cloncurry Shire Council - dated 29 January 1992.
- Mr F G Bradley - dated 29 January 1992.

Inward correspondence was received and outwards correspondence adopted, moved Mr FitzGerald, seconded Mr Welford.

**Committee Public  
Hearing:**

Agreed that the Committee hold a public hearing to receive evidence from the Electoral and Administrative Review Commissioners in relation to the Committee's review of the *Electoral and Administrative Review Act*. The hearing will be held on Friday, 21 February 1992 from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon to be followed by lunch with the Commissioners.

Agreed to advertise the hearings.

**Local Government  
Association Conference  
on Boundaries:**

Agreed to authorise the attendance of Committee members and staff at the Conference held Friday, 7 February 1992 in relation to the Committee's current review of Local Government External Boundaries, moved Ms Robson, seconded Mr Welford.

**Appointment of EARC  
Part-Time Commissioners:**

Mr Orr withdrew from the meeting at this stage.  
Discussion ensued.

**Review of Local  
Government External  
Boundaries:**

Discussion ensued.

Meeting adjourned at 1.00 pm.  
Meeting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Mr Orr re-joined the meeting.

Discussion on the review of External Boundaries of Local Authorities continued.

**Next Meeting:**

Agreed to meet again on Monday, 17 February 1992 from 2.30 pm to 6.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

Confirmed this

21st

day of

February

1992.



Chairman

## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in the Committee Meeting Room, Level 6, Parliamentary Annexe on 21 February 1992 at 9.00 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson, Messrs FitzGerald and Welford.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.

**Apologies:** Mr Quinn.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Monday, 10 February 1992 were confirmed moved Mr Stoneman, seconded Ms Robson.

### **Correspondence:**

- Inwards -**
- Mr T Sherman - dated 14 February 1992 enclosing a copy of his letter of resignation.
  - Mr T Sherman - dated 10 February 1992 regarding the review of Elections Act.
  - Mr T Sherman - dated 18 February 1992 regarding Commissioner Hunter.
  - The Honourable the Premier (undated).

Inwards correspondence was received moved Ms Robson, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

Agreed to respond to Mr Sherman's letter of 10 February 1992 which enclosed in error material from the Criminal Justice Commission including records of interview of criminal investigations, returning that material (without it having been circulated), expressing surprise and disappointment that it had been placed on the public register and requesting an indication of what measures have been taken to ensure that this error is not repeated.

**Appointment of EARC**      Discussion ensued.  
**Part-Time Commissioners:**

**Local Government**      Discussion ensued.  
**External Boundaries**  
**Review:**

**Review of Resources for** Agreed that, this review be given priority over that  
**Non-Government**      of Whistleblowers' Protection.  
**Members:**

**Next Meetings:**      Agreed to meet as follows:

1.      Tuesday 25 February 1992 - 9.00 am to 1.00 pm.
2.      Wednesday 26 February 1992 - 9.00 am to 12.15 pm.
3.      Monday 2 March 1992 - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.
4.      Friday 6 March 1992 - 9.00 to 5.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.50 am.

Confirmed this

25<sup>th</sup>

day of

February

1992.

Chairman

- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room 5.04, Level 5, Parliamentary Annexe on 25 February 1992 at 9.00 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson, Messrs FitzGerald and Welford.

in attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.

**Apologies:** Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman) and Mr Quinn.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Friday, 21 February 1992 were confirmed moved Dr Clark, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards -**

- The Honourable the Premier (undated).
- Mr and Mrs Elliott dated 12 February 1992.

Agreed to respond to Mr and Mrs Elliot acknowledging receipt of their letter and noting their comments.

**Local Government  
External Boundaries  
Review:**

Discussion ensued.

Meeting closed at 12.35 pm.

Confirmed this

*26<sup>th</sup>*

day of

*February*

1992.



Chairman

**- M I N U T E S -**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B29, Parliament House on 26 February 1992 at 9.25 am.

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<b>Members present:</b>	Mr Foley (Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson, Messrs FitzGerald and Welford.  In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman) and Mr Quinn.
<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b>	Minutes of meeting of Tuesday, 25 February 1992 were confirmed <u>moved</u> Mr FitzGerald, <u>seconded</u> Ms Robson.
<b>Local Government External Boundaries Review:</b>	Discussion ensued.
<b>Further meetings: Correspondence:</b>	<u>Agreed</u> to meet as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Monday 2 March 1992 9.00 am - 5.00 pm.</li><li>● Friday 6 March 1992 9.00 am - 5.00 pm.</li><li>● Monday 9 March 1992 9.00 am - 1.00 pm.</li><li>● Tuesday 10 March 1992 at 4.00 pm.</li><li>● Thursday 12 March 1992 at 4.00 pm.</li><li>● Tuesday 17 March 1992 at 4.00 pm.</li><li>● Thursday 19 March 1992 at 4.00 pm.</li></ul>
<b>Review of Electoral and Administrative Review Act:</b>	<u>Agreed</u> to write to the responsible Minister advising of the commencement of this review, enclosing copies of advertisements calling for submissions and of the transcript of the public hearing of Friday 21 February 1992.



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Meeting closed at 12.20 pm.

Confirmed this

*2nd*

day of

*March*

1992.

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Chairman

## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room 5.04, Level 5, Parliamentary Annexe on Monday, 2 March 1992 at 9.25 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Ms Robson, Dr Clark (by telephone), Messrs FitzGerald, Welford and Quinn.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Wednesday, 26 February 1992 were confirmed moved Mr Welford, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

### **Correspondence:**

**Outwards -**

- The Premier dated 25 February 1992 - regarding appointments to EARC.
- The Premier dated 26 February 1992 - regarding the Committee's review of the Act.
- Mr & Mrs Elliot dated 26 February 1992.
- Professor Hughes dated 26 February 1992.

Outwards correspondence adopted moved Mr Quinn, seconded Mr Welford.

### **Review of Local Authorities External Boundaries:**

Discussion ensued.

### **Appointment of EARC part-time Commissioners:**

Resolved, by unanimous vote of those present, that in accordance with the provisions of section 2.4(3) of the *Electoral and Administrative Review Act 1989-1991*, the Committee expresses its support for the appointment of Ms Virginia Hall as a Commissioner of the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission. Moved Ms Robson, seconded Mr Stoneman.

Noted also Dr Clark's expression of support for this appointment.

Resolved by unanimous vote of those present, that in accordance with the provisions of section 2.4(3) of the *Electoral and Administrative Review Act 1989-1991*, the Committee expresses its support for the appointment of Ms Susan Davies as a Commissioner of the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission. Moved Mr Welford, seconded Mr Quinn.

Noted also Dr Clark's expression of support for this appointment.

Noted further Mr Stoneman's indication that he would have preferred the appointment of a different candidate from the short-list provided to the Committee by the Premier by undated letter received 21 February 1992.

**Review of the Elections Act:** Discussion ensued.

**Review of Resources for Non-Government Members:** Discussion ensued.

Meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

Confirmed this

6<sup>th</sup>

day of

March

1992.

Chairman

- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room 5.04, Level 5, Parliamentary Annexe on Friday, 6 March 1992 at 9.00 am.

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<b>Members present:</b>	Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Ms Robson, Messrs FitzGerald, Welford and Quinn.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Dr Clark.  In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.
<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b>	Minutes of meeting of Monday, 2 March 1992 were confirmed <u>moved</u> Mr FitzGerald, <u>seconded</u> Ms Robson.
<b>Correspondence:</b>	
<b>Outwards -</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The Premier dated 2 March 1992.</li></ul> <p>Outwards correspondence adopted <u>moved</u> Ms Robson, <u>seconded</u> Mr Quinn.</p>
<b>Local Government External Boundaries:</b>	Discussion ensued.
<b>Resources for Non-Government Members:</b>	Discussion ensued.
<b>Whistleblowers' Protection:</b>	Discussion ensued.

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Meeting closed at 4.00 pm.

Confirmed this

9<sup>th</sup>

day of

March

1992.

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Chairman

- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B29, Parliament House on Monday, 9 March 1992 at 9.15 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Ms Robson, Dr Clark, Messrs FitzGerald, Welford and Quinn.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Friday, 6 March 1992 were confirmed moved Mr FitzGerald, seconded Ms Robson.

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards -**

- Professor Hughes dated 27 February 1992, regarding the Review of the Elections Act.
- Professor Hughes dated 5 March 1992, regarding the Commission's public register.

Inward correspondence received moved Ms Robson, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

**Local Government  
External Boundaries:**

The Chairman's draft report was read and adopted paragraph by paragraph as amended.

Agreed that matters related to submissions received by the Committee on the Review of External Boundaries of Local Authorities under the names of P J Elliot and J Elliot be referred to the Speaker for his consideration.

Meeting closed at 10.45 am.

Confirmed this

10<sup>th</sup>

day of

March

1992.

Chairman

**- M I N U T E S -**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B29, Parliament House on Tuesday, 10 March 1992 at 4.15 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson, Messrs FitzGerald, Quinn and Welford.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Monday, 9 March 1992 were confirmed moved Mr Quinn, seconded Mr Welford.

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards -** ● Professor Hughes dated 6 March 1992.

Inward correspondence received moved Mr Welford, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

**Review of Elections Act:** Discussion ensued.

Meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

Confirmed this

*12<sup>th</sup>*

day of

*March*

1992.



Chairman

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Meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

Confirmed this

17<sup>th</sup>

day of

March

1992.

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Chairman



**- M I N U T E S -**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room A17, Parliament House on Thursday, 12 March 1992 at 4.25 pm.

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<b>Members present:</b>	Mr Foley (Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson, Messrs FitzGerald, Quinn and Welford.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman).  In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.
<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b>	Minutes of meeting of Tuesday, 10 March 1992 were confirmed <u>moved</u> Mr FitzGerald, <u>seconded</u> Dr Clark.
<b>Correspondence:</b>	
<b>Inwards -</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Professor Hughes (undated) regarding the review of the Act.</li></ul> Inward correspondence received <u>moved</u> Mr FitzGerald, <u>seconded</u> Ms Robson.
<b>Review of Elections Act:</b>	Discussion ensued.
<b>Review of Resources for Non-Government Members:</b>	Discussion ensued.
<b>Further Committee Meetings:</b>	<p><u>Agreed</u> that at the Committee meeting on Tuesday, 17 March 1992 the draft report on the Review of the Elections Act be considered for adoption, and a preliminary draft report on the Review of Resources for Non-Government Members be discussed.</p> <p><u>Agreed</u> that a further meeting be held on Wednesday, 18 March 1992 at 12.00 noon for the purpose of considering for adoption a draft report on the Review of Resources for Non-Government Members.</p>

**- M I N U T E S -**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B29, Parliament House on Tuesday, 17 March 1992 at 4.05 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson, Messrs FitzGerald, Quinn and Welford.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Thursday, 12 March 1992 were confirmed moved Mr Quinn, seconded Ms Robson.

**Correspondence:**

**Outwards -** • The Speaker dated 10 March 1992.

Outwards correspondence adopted moved Mr Stoneman, seconded Dr Clark.

**Review of Elections Act:** The Chairman's draft report was read and adopted paragraph by paragraph as amended.

**Review of Resources for Non-Government Members:** Discussion ensued.

Meeting closed at 4.50 pm.

Confirmed this

*18<sup>th</sup>*

day of

*March*

1992.



Chairman

- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B29, Parliament House on Wednesday, 18 March 1992 at 12.05 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson, Messrs FitzGerald, Quinn and Welford.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director and Mr J Orr.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Tuesday, 17 March 1992 were confirmed moved Mr FitzGerald, seconded Dr Clark.

**Review of Resources for Non-Government Members:** Chairman's draft report was read and adopted paragraph by paragraph as amended.

Meeting closed at 1.00 pm.

Confirmed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1992.



Chairman

- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B29, Parliament House on Thursday, 19 March 1992 at 2.45 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson, Messrs Welford and Quinn.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Wednesday, 18 March 1992 were confirmed moved Mr Quinn, seconded Dr Clark.

**Further Committee Meetings:** Agreed to meet as follows:

- Thursday 2 April 1992 from 9.45 am to 12.30 pm (Dr Clark by telephone) to consider a preliminary draft of the report on Whistleblowers Protection.
- Friday 3 April 1992 from 9.00 am to 10.00 am to consider adoption of a draft report on protection of whistleblowers.
- Friday 3 April 1992 from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm - Public Hearing on Review of the Act.
- Tuesday 28 April 1992 at 2.45 pm.
- Thursday 30 April 1992 at 2.45 pm.

Meeting closed at 3.15 pm.

Confirmed this

*2nd*

day of

*April*

1992.



Chairman

## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B29, Parliament House on Thursday, 2 April 1992 at 9.50am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Dr Clark (by telephone), Ms Robson, Messrs Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), FitzGerald, Welford and Quinn.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Thursday 19 March 1992 were confirmed moved Mr Quinn, seconded Mr Welford.

**Correspondence:** *Inwards*  
Professor Hughes dated 18 March 1992, 23 March 1992 and 23 March 1992,  
Woongarra Shire Council dated 20 March 1992,  
Calliope Shire Council dated 30 March 1992,  
Mr FitzGerald dated 23 March 1992,  
Rosenthal Shire Council dated 1 April 1992,  
The Speaker dated 27 March 1992.

*Outwards*  
Woongarra Shire Council dated 20 March 1992,  
Minister for Local Government dated 20 March 1992,  
Bundaberg News Mail dated 20 March 1992,  
Commissioner Hall dated 23 March 1992,  
Commissioner Davies dated 23 March 1992,  
South Burnett Times dated 26 March 1992,  
Minister for Local Government dated 26 March 1992,  
Albert & Logan News dated 26 March 1992,

Inwards correspondence received and outwards adopted, moved Mr FitzGerald, seconded Mr Welford.

Agreed to respond to Professor Hughes' letter of 23.3.92 and attachments in accordance with the draft circulated at the meeting.

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**Whistleblowers  
Protection:**

Discussion ensued.

Meeting closed at 3.15 pm.

Confirmed this

day of

1992.

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Chairman

**- M I N U T E S -**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B.29, Parliament House on Friday, 3 April 1992 at 9.00 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Ms Robson, Dr Clark, Messrs FitzGerald, Welford and Quinn.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Thursday, 2 April 1992 were confirmed as amended moved Mr FitzGerald, seconded Ms Robson.

**Correspondence:**

**Outwards -** ● Professor Hughes dated 2 April 1992.

Outwards correspondence adopted moved Dr Clark, seconded Mr Quinn.

**Chairman's Draft Report on Whistleblowers Protection:** The Chairman's draft report was read and adopted paragraph by paragraph as amended.

**Further Committee Meetings:** Agreed to meet as follows:

- Tuesday 5 May 1992 at 2.45 pm in Room 504, Parliamentary Annexe.
- Tuesday 19 May 1992 at 2.45 pm in Room B.29, Parliament House.
- Thursday 21 May 1992 at 2.45 pm in Room B.29, Parliament House.

Meeting closed at 9.45 am.

Confirmed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1992.

  
Chairman

## **- M I N U T E S -**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B29, Parliament House on Tuesday, 28 April 1992 at 2.55 pm.

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- Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Dr Clark, Messrs FitzGerald, Welford and Quinn.
- In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.
- Apologies:** Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman) and Ms Robson.
- Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Friday 3 April 1992 were confirmed moved Mr Quinn, seconded Dr Clark.
- Code of Conduct Review:** Noted that EARC intended presenting its report on this matter on Thursday 7 May 1992. Agreed to advertise calling for submissions to close Tuesday 9 June 1992.
- Matters raised by Mr FitzGerald:** Agreed to note the concern expressed by Mr FitzGerald in his letter of 23 March 1992 regarding the quoting in Committee reports of submissions not authorised for publication by the Committee.
- Submissions on Whistleblowers Protection:** Agreed that in accordance with established parliamentary principles that material capable of being a breach of confidentiality or defamatory not be published so as to attract privilege, that submissions numbers 4, 10 and 12 to the Committee not be tabled in the House.
- Correspondence:**
- Inwards -**
- Mr A Bevis MP dated 2 April 1992.
  - Maroochy Shire Council dated 27 March 1992.
  - Calliope Shire Council dated 13 March 1992.
  - The Clerk of the Parliament dated 1 April 1992.
  - Logan City Council dated 13 April 1992.
  - Professor Hughes dated 16 April 1992.
  - Professor Hughes dated 16 April 1992.
  - Professor Hughes dated 27 April 1992.



**Outwards -**

- Rosenthal Shire Council dated 6 April 1992.
- Mr A Bevis MP dated 6 April 1992.
- Professor Hughes dated 7 April 1992.
- Maroochy Shire Council dated 13 April 1992.
- Calliope Shire Council dated 13 April 1992.
- The Minister for Local Government dated 13 April 1992.
- The Clerk of the Parliament dated 21 April 1992.
- Logan City Council dated 24 April 1992.
- Insight Bookmagazine dated 24 April 1992.

Inward correspondence received and outwards adopted moved Dr Clark, seconded Mr Quinn.

Agreed to write to the Bowen and Burdekin Shire Councils, the Minister for Local Government, the Local Member and affected property owners enclosing a copy of EARC's letter regarding the Bowen/Burdekin boundary.

**Conference  
Attendance:**

Agreed that the Research Director attend the conference on Accountability, Ethics and Fraud in the Public Sector in Sydney on 6 and 7 May 1992, and should the Chairman be unavailable, that the Research Director deliver the Chairman's paper to that conference.

Meeting closed 4.00 pm.

Confirmed this

5<sup>th</sup>

day of

May

1992.



Chairman

**- M I N U T E S -**

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room 5.04, Parliamentary Annexe on Tuesday, 5 May 1992 at 2.55 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Dr Clark, Messrs Welford and Fitzgerald.

**Apologies:** Ms Robson, Messrs Stoneman (Deputy Chairman) and Quinn.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Tuesday, 28 April 1992 were confirmed moved Dr Clark, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards -**

- John Orr dated 20 April 1992.
- Prisoner's Legal Service dated 27 April 1992.

**Outwards -**

- John Orr dated 27 April 1992.

Inwards correspondence received and outwards adopted moved Mr Welford, seconded Mr FitzGerald.

Agreed to write to the Bowen and Burdekin Shire Councils, Local Government Minister, property owners and Mr Smyth, MLA in terms of the drafts circulated at the meeting.

**Consideration of appointment of EARC Chairman:** Discussed ensued.

**Further Committee Meetings:** Agreed to meet at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 6 May 1992.

Meeting closed at 3.15 pm.

Confirmed this

*6th*

day of

*May*

1992.

  
Chairman

- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B29, Parliament House on Wednesday, 6 May 1992 at 5.00 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson, Messrs FitzGerald, Quinn and Welford.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Tuesday, 5 May 1992 were confirmed as amended moved Mr FitzGerald, seconded Dr Clark.

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards -**

- The Clerk of the Parliament dated 5 May 1992.

Inwards correspondence received moved Mr Quinn, seconded Ms Robson.

**Consideration of appointment of EARC Chairman:**

Discussion ensued.

Meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

Confirmed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1992.



Chairman

## - M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B29, Parliament House on Tuesday, 19 May 1992 at 2.45 pm.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson, Messrs FitzGerald, Quinn and Welford.

In attendance Ms J Ransley - Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Wednesday, 6 May 1992 were confirmed moved Mr FitzGerald, seconded Dr Clark.

### **Correspondence:**

**Inwards -**

- The Deputy Premier dated 29 April 1992.
- Professor Hughes dated 18 May 1992.
- The Deputy Premier dated 8 May 1992.

**Outwards -**

- The Clerk of the Parliament dated 15 May 1992.
- The Deputy Premier dated 14 May 1992.
- Mr A Bloomfield, Director MTIA, dated 14 May 1992.
- Cr E Cunningham, Chairman Calliope Shire Council, dated 18 May 1992.

Inwards correspondence received and outwards adopted moved Mr FitzGerald, seconded Ms Robson.

**Next meetings:** Agreed to change the time for the meeting set down for Thursday 21 May 1992 from 2.45 pm to 12.00 noon, and to meet further as follows:

- Friday 5 June 1992 from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm and 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm (to discuss a preliminary draft report on the Review of the Act).
- Thursday 11 June 1992 from 9.30 am to 12.00 noon (to discuss Chairman's draft report).

Agreed in principle to invite the EARC Commissioners to lunch with the Committee on Friday 5 June 1992.

**Review of Act:**

Agreed to explore the possibility of a Committee visit to the Administrative Review Council in Canberra to discuss aspects of its operations, the Research Director to discuss a suitable date for such a visit, between 25 May and 5 June 1992, with the Council and to advise Committee members accordingly.

The meeting closed at 3.25 pm.

Confirmed this

5<sup>th</sup>

day of

June

1992.



Chairman

- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B29 Parliament House, on Friday 5 June 1992 at 9.35 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson and Messrs Welford, Quinn and FitzGerald.

In attendance - Ms J Ransley, Research Director.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of meeting of 19 May 1992 were confirmed, moved Mr Fitzgerald, seconded Ms Robson.

**Correspondence:** **Inwards:**

- Professor Hughes - dated 1 June 1992

**Inwards Correspondence Received:**

moved Mr Quinn, seconded Mr Welford.

**Advice from Chairman:**

The Chairman advised of his recent address to the Cities and Towns Local Government Association Conference at the Gold Coast.

The Chairman advised that copies of a paper on Human Rights, by Mr Justice Kirby, and the recent High Court Judgement in the Mabo case, are available through the research director.

**Code of Conduct Review:**

Resolved as follows:

- that a consultant be engaged to assist the Committee in its review of EARC's report on Codes of Conduct for Public Officials and on its draft Public Sector Ethics Bill, such consultant to provide a report on the public administration aspects of the proposals, with the suggested consultant being Mr Peter Forster from The Consultancy Bureau and with a suggested upper limit of no more than \$15,000.

- that a consultant be engaged to provide a report focussing on the legal aspects of the proposals, the suggested consultant to be Prof. Charles Sampford, and a suggested upper limit for such consultancy to be no more than \$3,000.

Noted that the Research Director would seek the necessary approval from the Clerk of the Parliament for the engagement of both consultants.

**Review of Act:** Discussion ensued.

The Meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.

Confirmed this

*11th*

day of

*June*  
*A. J. Foley*  
Chairman 1992.

- M I N U T E S -

A meeting of the Parliamentary Committee for Electoral and Administrative Review was held in Room B29, Parliament House on Tuesday 11 June 1992 at 9.40 am.

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**Members present:** Mr Foley (Chairman), Mr Stoneman (Deputy Chairman), Dr Clark, Ms Robson and Messrs Welford, Quinn and FitzGerald.

In attendance - Ms J Ransley, Research Director.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of meeting of Friday 5 June 1992 were confirmed as amended. Moved Mr Quinn, Seconded Dr Clarke.

**Correspondence:** **Inwards:**

- The Deputy Premier - dated 26 May 1992
- The Premier - dated 10 June 1992

**Inwards Correspondence Received:**

Moved Mr Stoneman. Seconded Mr Welford

**Review of the Act:** Agreed to write to the EARC Commissioners advising that one of the options being considered by the Committee could involve the winding up of EARC in 1993 and seeking any views they might have on that subject.

**Code of Conduct Review:** Agreed to write to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court advising of the possible impact of EARC's recommendations on the judiciary.

**Appointment of EARC Chairman:** Resolved that the Committee supports the appointment of Mr David Solomon as Chairman of the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission in pursuance of Section 2.4 (3) of the *Electoral and Administrative Review Act 1989-1991*, Moved Mr Stoneman, Seconded Dr Clarke.

Noted that the Chairman would advise the Premier of this resolution of the Committee.



**Future EARC  
Reports:**

Noted that EARC intends presenting its report on political donations and public funding of elections on Thursday 18 June 1992, and that it may present its report on Archives legislation at the same time.

Agreed to advertise calling for submissions on both reports, submissions to close at 12 noon on Friday 17 July 1992.

**Future Committee  
Meetings:**

Agreed to meet further as follows:

- Tuesday 16 June 1992 at 2.45 pm
- Thursday 18 June 1992 at 5.00 pm
- Thursday 2 July 1992 from 10.00 am to 12 noon  
(To adopt the report on the review of the Act and to discuss the Code of Conduct Review).

The Meeting closed at 10.10 am.

Confirmed this

*16<sup>th</sup>*

day of

*June*

1992.



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