



## Premier and Minister for Veterans

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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil

I refer to Petition 4052-24 regarding Queensland's parliamentary system which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 28 November 2024.

I note the petitioners seek a referendum on the introduction of citizens veto over legislation, recall elections, and an electronic voting system to allow citizens to formally advise their member of parliament about their views on legislation before the parliament.

The system of government in Queensland is that of a representative democracy. Under this system, Queenslanders have the right to elect the candidate they believe will best represent their interests in the Queensland Parliament and voting is compulsory.

The Queensland Parliament is responsible for making laws for the peace, welfare and good government of the State. Under Queensland's parliamentary system, which is based on Westminster principles, laws are made by majority vote. The Government supports the continuation of these cornerstones of our parliamentary system.

The introduction of mechanisms such as a citizens veto over legislation or recall elections could create unnecessary instability and would have the potential to divert the government of the day from its responsibilities. In addition, recall elections have the potential to increase the number of elections and by-elections held, which would increase the cost and impost to the community.

The Government is always interested to hear the thoughts of Queenslanders on any matter of their choosing, including legislative proposals. There are a number of ways that Queenslanders can have a say on legislation before parliament including:

- writing directly to the minister that introduced the legislation
- raising concerns with their local Member of Parliament
- making a formal request to Parliament through a petition
- providing a written submission to the relevant Parliamentary Committee conducting the inquiry into the Bill.

While the Government does not support the requests made in this petition, I appreciate the interest that the petitioners have shown in Queensland's parliamentary system, and I respect their right to provide their thoughts on these matters to government via the Legislative Assembly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Crisafulli', written in a cursive style.

**DAVID CRISAFULLI MP**  
**PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR VETERANS**