The Committee’s Recommendation:

**Recommendation**

That the *Constitution of Queensland 2001* be amended so that:

- All oaths (and affirmations) of allegiance currently contained in the Act be worded so that allegiance is to be sworn (or affirmed) to Australia and to either (at the option of the person taking the oath (or making the affirmation):
  - Her (or His) Majesty *(name of sovereign)* as lawful Sovereign of Australia and to Her (or His) heirs and successors;
  - Australia’s Head of State and to his or her successors in office.

The Committee’s recommendation is not supported by the Government.

The Government notes that the Committee’s report indicates that all oaths and affirmations in the *Constitution of Queensland 2001* are in relatively modern language.

Additionally, it is noted that the Committee sees it as important that there be an oath or affirmation of allegiance, although not necessarily to the Sovereign, retained within the Constitution.

The Government further notes that the Committee’s report has identified a divergence of opinion on whether or not it is appropriate for oaths and affirmations of allegiance to be made optional within a constitutional monarchy.

The Government considers the recommendation of the committee does not present a sensible alternative to the current oath of allegiance.

Accordingly, the Government does not intend to amend the oaths and affirmations within the Constitution at this time.