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An Act relating to the insertion of a preamble into the Constitution of Queensland 2001

[Assented to 25 February 2010]

The Parliament of Queensland enacts—

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Constitution (Preamble) Amendment Act 2010*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

3 Act amended

This Act amends the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*.

4 Insertion of preamble

After the long title—

insert—

‘Preamble—

‘The people of Queensland, free and equal citizens of Australia—

- (a) intend through this Constitution to foster the peace, welfare and good government of Queensland; and
- (b) adopt the principle of the sovereignty of the people, under the rule of law, and the system of representative and responsible government, prescribed by this Constitution; and
- (c) honour the Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the First Australians, whose lands, winds and waters we all now share; and pay tribute to their unique values, and their ancient and enduring cultures, which deepen and enrich the life of our community; and
- (d) determine to protect our unique environment; and

- (e) acknowledge the achievements of our forebears, coming from many backgrounds, who together faced and overcame adversity and injustice, and whose efforts bequeathed to us, and future generations, a realistic opportunity to strive for social harmony; and
- (f) resolve, in this the 150th anniversary year of the establishment of Queensland, to nurture our inheritance, and build a society based on democracy, freedom and peace.’.

5 Insertion of new s 3A

After section 3—

insert—

‘3A Effect of preamble

“The Parliament does not in the preamble—

- (a) create in any person any legal right or give rise to any civil cause of action; or
- (b) affect in any way the interpretation of this Act or of any other law in force in Queensland.’.

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