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2009

A Bill

for

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

The Parliament of Queensland enacts—	1
Clause 1 Short title	2
This Act may be cited as the <i>Constitution (Preamble) Amendment Act 2009</i> .	3 4
Clause 2 Commencement	5
This Act commences on a day to be fixed by proclamation.	6
Clause 3 Act amended	7
This Act amends the <i>Constitution of Queensland 2001</i> .	8
Clause 4 Insertion of preamble	9
After the long title—	10
<i>insert—</i>	11
‘Preamble—	12
‘The people of Queensland, free and equal citizens of Australia—	13 14
(a) intend through this Constitution to foster the peace, welfare and good government of Queensland; and	15 16
(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	17 18 19 20
(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	21 22 23 24 25
(d) determine to protect our unique environment; and	26

- (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.’.

Clause 5	Insertion of new s 3A	10
	After section 3—	11
	<i>insert—</i>	12
‘3A	Effect of preamble	13
	‘The Parliament does not intend by the preamble to—	14
	(a) create in any person any legal right or give rise to any civil cause of action; or	15 16
	(b) affect in any way the interpretation of this Act or of any other law in force in Queensland.’.	17 18