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Dear fellow Liberals

As most of you would be aware, there was a State Council meeting of the Liberal Party of Australia (Queensland Division) last week. The meeting discussed the future of our party in Queensland. State Council authorised:

- a)The State President, Gary Spence to conclude negotiations on a draft Principle Agreement and draft Constitution;
- b)That a Constitutional Convention be held on the weekend of the 26/27 July 2008.
- c)That a copy of any draft Principles Agreement and draft Constitution be made available to all members of the Liberal Party of Australia (Queensland Division) by 5pm, 24 May 2008.
- d)That a plebiscite of all members will be conducted after State Convention closing at the end of June 2008.

The Constitutional Convention will determine if a merger is to proceed and if so, set the terms of the relevant documents.

As you know our regular convention is scheduled for 30 May to 1 June 2008.

We have considered the need for two separate conventions and we are concerned that the cost to delegates in travelling from branches across Queensland, as well as accommodation, delegate fees and other outlays, will be significant. For this reason, we believe that it would be fairer to member delegates to combine both these major meetings.

The Liberal Party represents a broad church of interests and there are different views amongst members across Australia and here in Queensland, on the best way our party can serve the interests of all Queenslanders. It is for this reason that we believe we must provide the most affordable and efficient way to harness the interests and aspirations of all our members throughout Queensland. Mark will therefore support a State Council motion to hold both the State Convention and the Constitutional Convention for the members of the Liberal Party (Queensland Division) concurrently on 26-27 July 2008.

Yours sincerely



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