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NOLAN SUPPORTS FOUR YEAR TERMS

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan has thrown her support beyond the current push for four year Parliamentary terms.

Queensland is the only Australian state or territory to have three year terms, a peculiar distinction it shares with the Commonwealth.

Federal Cabinet has today considered a proposal to move to four year terms and Premier Peter Beattie said that if that occurred, he would also seek to put the matter to Queenslanders at a referendum.

Ms Nolan said she was a long term supporter of four year terms.

“In Queensland, both voters and MPs feel like they’re turning around to an election every five minutes,” Ms Nolan said.

“Four year terms create far greater stability and allow governments to plan for the future. Shorter terms inevitably make the political process more reactive.

“We have four year terms at a Council level and there is no suggestion that that doesn’t work well.

“The Queensland Opposition have always refused to support moves for four year terms in the past. I hope now they will support this move. They should join with the State and Federal Governments to support what’s good for democracy, not what’s in their short term political interest.