

The black type below is from the constitution which is in effect today.

A referendum is required to make a change. The red type gives the voice the same standing as the federal executive council. It would also be a good opportunity to change “Queen” for “head of state” throughout and amend pronouns accordingly.

REFERENDUM to change the constitution

Insert 62 (ii), append to 63, insert 64 (ii).

61. Executive power

The executive power of the commonwealth is vested in the ~~Queen~~ **head of state** and is exercisable by the governor-general as the ~~Queen's~~ **head of state's** representative, and extends to the execution and maintenance of this constitution, and of the laws of the commonwealth.

62. (i) Federal Executive Council

There shall be a federal executive council to advise the governor-general in the government of the commonwealth, and the members of the council shall be chosen and summoned by the governor-general and sworn as executive councillors, and shall hold office during the pleasure of the governor-general.

(ii) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice

There shall be a body, called the aboriginal and torres strait islander voice to advise the governor-general in the government of the commonwealth, and the members of the voice shall be chosen and summoned by the governor-general and sworn as elders of voice, and shall hold office during the pleasure of the governor-general.

63. PROVISIONS REFERRING TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

The provisions of this constitution referring to the governor-general in council shall be construed as referring to the governor-general acting with the advice of the federal executive council **and the aboriginal and torres straight islander voice**.

64. (I) MINISTERS OF STATE

The governor-general may appoint officers to administer such departments of state of the commonwealth as the governor-general in council may establish.

Such officers shall hold office during the pleasure of the governor-general. They shall be members of the federal executive council and shall be the ~~Queen's~~ **head of state's** ministers of state for the commonwealth.

(II) ELDERS OF VOICE

The governor-general may appoint officers to administer such departments of voice of the commonwealth as the governor-general in council may establish.

Such officers shall hold office during the pleasure of the governor-general. They shall be elders of the voice and shall be the head of state's elders of voice for the commonwealth.

Yes No