

TO THE HONOURABLE THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT



**We, the undersigned Citizens of Victoria:**

- call on the Legislative Council of Victoria to oppose the Reason Party's motion to abolish the reading of the Lord's Prayer at the commencement of the Victorian Parliament's Legislative Council (Upper House);

**noting that:**

- since 1857, the Lord's Prayer has been a longstanding part of the formal processes of both houses of the Victorian Parliament;
- the Lord's Prayer is a marker of the long Westminster Parliamentary tradition and a reflection of our Judaeo Christian tradition of individualism and rule of law; and
- we also recognise, respect and support the growing diversity of religious belief and tradition in Victoria;

**call on the Victorian Government to:**

- support the retention of the Lord's Prayer at the commencement of sittings in the Legislative Council (Upper House) of the Victorian parliament; and
- prior to any change being made, examine the continuing role of the Lord's prayer in Parliament through a full, transparent public inquiry.

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