

Proposal	That the Queensland Government provide the Opposition with the right to call three Citizens' Juries in a term of government on <u>any</u> Bills before the parliament.
Key benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces shallow oppositional behaviour as it amounts to a 'put up or shut up' mechanism. • Builds on wide public trust and general understanding of criminal juries. • Defeats capacity to run a media campaign with no substance: a jury will look at both the Government's and Opposition's claims in depth and 'get beyond the headline'. • Is expected to increase public trust in major decisions by involving everyday 'people like me' in major contested decisions, who will stand alongside elected representatives and the final decision. • Media will connect with jurors as people much like their readers.
What topic/s?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be chosen by the Opposition.
What is the final product?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single 8-10pg report with jury recommendations written entirely by citizens. Document is public. • nDF would apply a common ground threshold of 80% of the room agreeing to a statement. • Government would produce formal response to all recommendations. • Ongoing media role following a subset of jurors. • <i>Sample from Oregon review process is illustrative</i> https://healthydemocracy.org/wp-content/uploads/2012OR-M85-Statement-1.pdf
When will it happen and how long will it take?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide: 1 month to plan, 5 weeks to operate (two weekend meetings, spaced 3-4 weeks apart). • Parties' capacity a key factor, as they would produce much of the baseline material (background) for citizens to consider.
How will it work?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run as a single jury which is representative of the entire state. • Two all-day Saturday-Sunday blocks (4 days total): the first to immerse citizens in the topic, background materials and hear presentations from MPs on all sides. Gap to allow for follow up questions to be answered and time to reflect rather than rush to judgment. • Random selection of jurors matched to Census profile. • Independent facilitators operate the room under nDF oversight and operating to nDF process design. Steering group with representatives of all parties in oversight. • Based on small group discussion with tables repeatedly mixed to avoid factionalising and encourage the mixing of views.
Who will participate and how will they be selected?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randomly selected juries of ~40 people; exclusion only for people in paid political employment. • Recruitment done by nDF based on random extract of land title information as comprehensive, generic database. [Option for electoral roll.] • Recruitment is a match to Census profile by age, gender and ratepayer status (aids in diversity of income and education level).
What will leaders be asked to do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare materials and appear before the jury. • Enable, and encourage, <u>any</u> public servant requested by jurors to appear and respond freely [can be an impediment]. • Commit to respond in person for a 1hr session. • Commit to table the unedited report in Queensland Parliament. • Commit to provide a formal response to recommendations within 60 days.
What would members be asked to do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend 4 days of jury deliberation spread over two weekends (per diem paid at \$200 per day). • Review and read background information. • A subset to appear in the media alongside MPs.
What information will be provided to participants?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity of information is core principle. Critical thinking exercises are provided to assist citizens. • Government and Opposition to be given equal opportunity to present written materials and to appear in person. • Briefing book (produced by government agency, likely based on Committee materials) will contain a baseline of information which either party is free to challenge. • Jury will then be asked "what do you need to know...and who do you trust to inform you" • Any citizen, stakeholder, interest group can make submissions, and/or to observe the process. • All materials can be made public and a public discussion environment operated in parallel.

How will it be governed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Group: 5-8 key interest groups, with recommendation being to give Chair role to retired Supreme Court judge; meetings operated by nDF. • newDemocracy: Process design, jury recruitment, facilitation direction and oversight.
How much will it cost?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately \$220,000 per jury. • nDF has a public underwriting offer of \$5m to trial democratic innovations, and this could be applied here for an agreed trial period.