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## Our Readers Write

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Referenda

The Constitutional Commissioners' rejection of suggestions to include referendum provisions in the revised Cayman Islands Constitution throws the ball neatly back into Caymanians' court.

The Commissioners, in their report, concede that they found majority support for a constitutional provision for the holding of referenda on issues of national importance.

In this instance, however, they did not accept the majority view, and instead said that they saw no need to include this in the constitution. They did not believe the Islands need referenda, but if Caymanians thought they did they could pass a referendum law in Legislative Assembly.

Those in favour of referendum provisions had hoped for support for the idea from the Constitutional Commissioners, since members of government here have not been receptive to it. Some perhaps also hoped that some help would be forthcoming in relation to the details and the drafting of such provisions.

However, we are now on our own again in this matter. The issue will have to be decided right here. The Commissioners acknowledged that they found a majority in favour of referendum provisions - that detail should carry some weight. The Commissioners' reasons for rejecting the idea ought to be considered at the same time.

As with all the points contained in the Constitutional Commissioners' report, it is up to Caymanians to accept or reject, add to or amend the Commissioners' recommendations.