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## Our Readers Write

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Take time

Public debate on the Constitutional Review is taking on an air of despair.

It is too late, many say, because the legislators have already made up their minds - it is too early to come to any decision, say just as many, because many people are only now beginning to grasp the complexities and extent of the proposed changes.

Many had understood that none of the changes would come into effect without having been subject to an election campaign.

This, we suggest, is the plan the country should adhere to.

Members of Assembly may have come to conclusions about what changes they think they should recommend, but the House is by no means united.

The community at large has not reached that stage. The Constitutional changes that have been suggested are quite complex and far reaching.

The contents of a bill of rights, proposed to be included in the Constitution, have not been detailed except that the Bill is to be based on the Turks and Caicos Bill of Rights.

That document is far from easy to read and understand for the ordinary citizen. It is probably does not coincide too well with what many people have in mind when they think of a Bill of Rights.

In relation to the general constitutional proposals, the issues are now becoming somewhat more focussed among ordinary citizens, reaching a stage where people can ask intelligent questions. After some further explanations, useful discussion can now finally take place.

That public discussion must be allowed to take its course.

Then, the matter must be tested in an election. The current members of Assembly have no mandate whatsoever for constitutional change.

In any case, to foist onto Caymanians a constitution that they cannot freely accept would spell sheer disaster.