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The Annotated Constitution prepared by Quick & Garran in 1901, at the outset of the new Commonwealth of Australia is a magnificent work. It is regularly referred to and cited in the High Court of Australia.

Even those, who like myself, do not embrace an approach to the Constitution which is 'originalist', realise the wisdom and insight that can be obtained, concerning the words used, from reading works written the early days, especially Quick & Garran.

Unfortunately, in the manner of those times (and without knowledge of how the Constitution would evolve) the authors prepared index which was fairly rudimentary. Now Mr Gregory Cugola has prepared a more detailed index, which he is willing to share with other users. I welcome this initiative and acknowledge its utility. I hope that the new elaborated index can find its way into law faculties, public libraries and private chambers of judges and lawyers.

If this happens, it will breathe still more life into a remarkable and unique text, which keeps on giving to us, the citizens, who are the true beneficiaries of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Kirby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent dot above the letter 'i'.

The Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG

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Justice of the High Court of Australia (1996-