



## LEGAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

### Report No. 1 on the

### Police and Other Legislation (Identity and Biometric Capability) Amendment Bill 2018

### QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

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#### INTRODUCTION

On 15 February 2018, the Hon. Mark Ryan MP, Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services, introduced the Police and Other Legislation (Identity and Biometric Capability) Amendment Bill 2018 (the Bill) into the Queensland Parliament.

The Bill was subsequently referred to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee (the Committee) with a report due on 2 March 2018.

On 2 March 2018, the Committee tabled Report No. 1 in relation to the Bill.

The Queensland Government response to the Committee's recommendations in Report No.1 are provided below.

#### RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

##### *Recommendation 1*

*The committee recommends that the Police and Other Legislation (Identity and Biometric Capability) Amendment Bill 2018 be passed.*

- Queensland Government response:

The Queensland Government thanks the Committee for its timely consideration of the Bill and appreciates the Committee's recommendation that the Bill be passed.

##### *Recommendation 2*

*The committee recommends that a review of the changes made by this legislation be conducted two years after its commencement to evaluate the frequency, purpose and type of identity matching services used, the users, the error rates and any incidences of service expansion.*

- Queensland Government response: **Supported.**

The Palaszczuk Government supports a review of the Queensland legislative amendments contained in the Bill, two years after commencement, to assure Queenslanders that the IMS is operating effectively in this State and that the public safeguards and integrity of capability are maintained.

The recommendation is in keeping with the requirements of both the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) on Identity Matching Services (IMS) and proposed Commonwealth legislation on the IMS. The IGA requires the review of the IMS every three years, whilst proposed Commonwealth legislation require the responsible Commonwealth Minister to cause a review of the operation of the Commonwealth Act and the provisions of the IMS, to be started within five years of commencement and table a report on such review.

The review of Queensland legislative amendments will be initiated by the Minister responsible for the Queensland Police Service, in consultation with the Minister responsible for the Department of Transport and Main Roads.