

## **COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

### **Report No. 26 on the**

### **Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No.2) 2022**

## **QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

On 27 October 2022, the Hon. Mark Ryan MP, Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services, introduced the Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2022 (the Bill) into the Queensland Parliament.

The Bill was referred to the Community Support and Services Committee (the Committee) for inquiry with a report due on 3 February 2023.

On 3 February 2023, the Committee tabled Report No.26 in relation to the Bill.

The Queensland Government response to the Committee's recommendations in Report No.26 are provided below.

### **RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS:**

#### ***Recommendation 1***

*The committee recommends that the Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2022 be passed.*

- Queensland Government response:

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

#### ***Recommendation 2***

*The committee recommends the Minister for Police and Corrective Services, through the Queensland Police Service, continue to monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of the application of the Police Service Administration Act 1990, and where improvements are identified, consider further enhancements to maintain optimal operational efficiency.*

- Queensland Government response:

Supported.

The Government considers that for the Queensland Police Service (QPS) to function efficiently, its underpinning legislation which provides for the maintenance, membership, development and administration of this organisation must be effective, now and into the future. To ensure this occurs, the QPS continually evaluates the *Police Service Administration Act 1990* for improvement opportunities and, where appropriate, seeks legislative reform with the support of the Government.

### **Recommendation 3**

***The committee recommends the Queensland Government continues to engage with other Australian jurisdictions and the Commonwealth Government to ensure a consistent, efficient and safe approach to Australian weapons licensing practices.***

- **Queensland Government response:**

**Supported.**

The Palaszczuk Government's first priority is the safety of the members of our community. Recent events such as the Wieambilla police shooting, where police officers Matthew Arnold and Rachel McCrow and neighbour Alan Dare were tragically slain, reinforces the harm that can occur through the misuse of firearms.

The Government is committed to the appropriate regulation of firearms and is a party to the National Firearms Agreement. The National Firearms Agreement constitutes a national approach to firearm regulation and affirms that firearms possession and use is a privilege that is conditional on the overriding need to ensure public safety, and that public safety is improved through the safe and responsible possession, carriage, use, registration, storage and transfer of firearms.

The Government is committed to ensuring public and individual safety is improved by ensuring that strict controls are placed on firearms. In addition to existing measures, the Government is advocating for a national firearms register to be established so that the sharing of firearm information between Australian jurisdictions may be promoted. To achieve that objective, the Government has consulted leaders of the Commonwealth, State and Territories to gain their support for this reform.

The Queensland Government will continue its advocacy for the proposed National Firearms Register as well as any other sensible measures that improve community safety through the regulation of firearms.

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