

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report No. 25 on the

Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION

On 26 October 2022, the Hon. Mark Ryan MP, Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services, introduced the Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (the Bill) into the Queensland Parliament.

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

On 3 February 2023, the Committee tabled Report No.25 in relation to the Bill.

The Queensland Government response to the Committee's recommendations in Report No.25 are provided below.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation 1

The committee recommends that the Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 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 encourage the Commonwealth Government to continue to enhance data sharing arrangements in relation to child sex offenders and to monitor the movements of child sex offenders across jurisdictions.

- Queensland Government response:

Supported.

The Palaszczuk Government's first priority is the safety of members of our community. The Government will continue to support the national child protection registration scheme and is committed to the appropriate monitoring of child sex offenders who reside in or visit Queensland.

The Queensland Police Service (QPS), is responsible for the management of reportable offenders in Queensland. The *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2004* requires reportable offenders who are planning to leave Queensland to report their intentions and information sharing arrangements enable this information to be shared with other jurisdictions via the National Child Offender System. Information about reportable offenders who are travelling to Queensland is also regularly accessed from the National Child Offender System by officers across the QPS.

The Government intends to continue its tough stance towards monitoring child sex offenders and is an advocate for enhanced data sharing arrangements across jurisdictions.