

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

## Report No. 27 on the

### Police Powers and Responsibilities (Jack's Law) Amendment Bill 2022

#### QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

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#### INTRODUCTION

On 30 November 2022, the Hon. Mark Ryan MP, Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services, introduced the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Jack's Law) Amendment Bill 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 17 February 2023.

On 17 February 2023, the Committee tabled Report No.27 in relation to the Bill.

The Queensland Government response to the Committee's recommendations in Report No.27 are provided below.

#### RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

##### *Recommendation 1*

*The committee recommends that the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Jack's Law) 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*

*In relation to the expansion of the wandering trial to public transport vehicles and stations, the Committee recommends:*

- *in all regions the wandering trial be adequately resourced and supported by training for QPS officers.*
- *the QPS implement a clear, appropriate and concise public awareness campaign, in cooperation with Queensland's public transport providers.*
- *the independent review of the extended wandering trial also examine the operation of the wandering trial specifically in relation to public transport vehicles and stations.*

- Queensland Government response:

Supported.

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) has commenced procurement activities and confirms that there is sufficient funding and resources to deliver metal detective devices (wands) across the State to

support the expansion of the trial to all Safe Night Precincts (SNPs) and relevant public transport vehicles and stations.

The QPS also supports a public awareness campaign and contact with relevant public transport providers and local governments will be arranged with the assistance of the Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Local Government Association of Queensland to ensure that stakeholders are apprised of implementation activities relating to the wandering trial expansion.

The QPS will initiate a further independent review of the extended and expanded wandering trial, with the terms of reference for the review to be agreed in consultation with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

### ***Recommendation 3***

***The committee recommends that the public education program is developed in consultation with key stakeholders in targeted areas around Queensland, relevant to local safe night precinct areas, communities and identified public transport centres.***

***The committee recommends that the Queensland Police Service extend the public education campaign across Queensland consistent with the extension of the wandering trial.***

- Queensland Government response:

Supported.

The QPS will develop a public education campaign in consultation with key stakeholders in targeted areas around Queensland, relevant to local safe night precinct areas, communities and identified public transport centres.

The QPS will conduct public education through existing communication channels such as the QPS online presence as well as through targeted media releases in locations consistent with the extension of the wandering trial. The QPS will also consult stakeholders in relevant locations to promote public education about the expanded wandering trial.

### ***Recommendation 4***

***The committee recommends that the extended and expanded trial be independently evaluated.***

- Queensland Government response:

Supported.

The QPS will identify a suitable independent reviewer and develop terms of reference for the review in consultation with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

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