

Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Bill 2025

Statement of Compatibility

FOR

Amendments to be moved during consideration in detail by The Honourable Meaghan Scanlon MP – Shadow Attorney-General and Shadow Minister for Justice

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

In accordance with section 38 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, Meaghan Scanlon MP – Shadow Attorney-General and Shadow Minister for Justice make this statement of compatibility with respect to amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Bill 2025.

In my opinion, the amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Bill are compatible with the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the amendments

The amendments seek to implement public recommendations of the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council report entitled “*Sentencing of Sexual Assault and Rape: The Ripple Effect*”. In particular recommendations 1, 2, 5 and 23.

After the Queensland Labor Opposition called for the recommendations in the QSAC report to be implemented and circulated amendments relating to recommendations 1, 2, 5 and 23, the LNP Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity introduced a bill into the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament dealing with the very same recommendations.

As the implementation of these recommendations (1, 2, 5 and 23) clearly have bipartisan support of the Queensland Labor Opposition and the Queensland Government, and because they have been subjected to a rigorous 18 month review undertaken by QSAC, then they should be implemented without delay.

As such, the legislation tabled by the LNP Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity in respect of the QSAC amendments should be implemented without

delay and as such, these amendments reflect the same clauses that the LNP Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity introduced in the Queensland Parliament.

Human Rights Issues

As the amendments are consistent with the legislation tabled by the LNP Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity, after the Queensland Labor Opposition called for the reforms, the human rights matters are outlined here: [https://documents.parliament.qld.gov.au/bills/2025/3252/Penalties-and-Sentences-\(Sexual-Offences\)-and-Other-Legislation-Amendment-Bill-2025---Statement-of-compatibility-9dbb.pdf](https://documents.parliament.qld.gov.au/bills/2025/3252/Penalties-and-Sentences-(Sexual-Offences)-and-Other-Legislation-Amendment-Bill-2025---Statement-of-compatibility-9dbb.pdf)

Conclusion

In my opinion, the amendments to be moved in consideration in detail to the Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Bill 2025 are compatible with human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019*, because it limits human rights only to the extent that is reasonable and demonstrably justifiable in a free and democratic society based on human dignity, equality and freedom.

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