

Youth Justice (Electronic Monitoring) Amendment Bill 2025

Explanatory Notes

FOR

Amendments to be moved during consideration in detail by The Honourable Di Farmer MP – Shadow Minister for Youth Justice

Short title

The short title of the Bill is the Youth Justice (Electronic Monitoring) Amendment Bill 2025.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

It is important that any legislative change of this nature is appropriately and independently reviewed within a reasonable timeframe. It was clear through the stakeholders who presented at the public hearings of the parliamentary committee that an independent review is appropriate and should occur to assess whether the proposed laws are working to ensure community safety and to see if any changes are required.

It is therefore proposed that a review takes place within 18 months after the provisions are commenced, by an independent and appropriately qualified person. The review will then be tabled in the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament within one month of the government receiving it, by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, within one business day of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly receiving it.

Achievement of policy objectives

The Bill achieves the policy objectives outlined above.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

It is noted that departments and governments review legislation. However, the current government, the Crisafulli LNP Government has shown that reviews, such as via the Expert Legal Panel have occurred, but their advice and outcomes of the review have remained a secret, denying Queenslanders the right to know.

As such, the only way to ensure that Queenslanders see the results of any review is to enshrine it in legislation, so the government of the day, in this case the Crisafulli LNP Government cannot keep it secret.

Estimated cost for government implementation

Any costs will be absorbed within existing departmental resources.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The amendments are consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

The amendments have been developed after consultations with Queenslanders, in particular through the parliamentary committee process.

Consistency with legislation of other jurisdictions

The legislation and policy intent are specific to Queensland.

Notes on provisions

Amendments 1 and 2 provide for a review of the effectiveness of the amendments proposed in the *Youth Justice (Electronic Monitoring) Amendment Bill 2025* to ensure that a review of the effectiveness and operation of the new section is reviewed within 18 months of commencement.

The amendment will also ensure that Queenslanders will have the ability to see the outcomes of that review within one month of an independent and appropriately qualified person conducting that review, because the amendment will require the review to be provided to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament for tabling, within one business day of receipt.