

Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

Statement of Compatibility

FOR

Amendments to be moved during consideration in detail by the Honourable Mark Ryan MP, Minister for Police and Community Safety

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

In accordance with section 38 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* (HR Act), I, Mark Ryan, Minister for Police and Community Safety, make this statement of compatibility with respect to the amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 (the Bill).

In my opinion, the amendments to the Bill are compatible with the human rights protected by the HR Act. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the amendments

The Bill was introduced on 21 March 2024. The Bill enacts a range of amendments to ensure that all Queenslanders are afforded the same protections. Several key safeguards will be modernised to recognise gender and provide responsive protection to people against whom powers are exercised.

The amendments to be moved during consideration in detail will amend clauses in the Bill which amend:

- the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2004* (CPOROPOA);
- the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001* (CC Act); and
- the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* (PPRA).

The purpose of these amendments is to provide additional clarity to the community and public officials on the intended operation of the new safeguards for personal searches, inspections of particular people's belongings and some forensic procedures.

These amendments do not change the policy objectives of the Bill. Rather, they clarify the intended operation of the safeguard provisions in the Bill.

These amendments do so by inserting a note to provide:

- examples of what an “improper purpose” includes; and
- clarification as to how the “reasonably practicable” threshold is to apply.

Therefore, given the scope of the amendments, they do not engage human rights beyond the promotion and limitations addressed in the statement of compatibility with human rights to the Bill.

Conclusion

In my opinion, the amendments are compatible with human rights under the HR Act.

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Minister for Police and Community Safety

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