

Night-Life Economy Commissioner Bill 2024

Human Rights Certificate

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

In accordance with section 41 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, Lance McCallum, Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development, provide this human rights certificate with respect to the Night-Life Economy Commissioner Bill 2024.

In my opinion, the Night-Life Economy Commissioner Bill 2024, as tabled in the Legislative Assembly, is 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 Bill

The Bill establishes the Night-Life Economy Commissioner (the Commissioner). In establishing the Commissioner, the Bill provides for the operational aspects of the Commissioner including appointment, Ministerial expectations and direction, and reporting requirements.

The Bill proposes that the main functions of the Commissioner are to:

- advocate for the night-life economy, and on behalf of businesses in the night-life economy sector, to local, state and federal government, and any other entity involved in administering matters relevant to the sector
- provide a central point of contact in relation to matters affecting the sector
- provide information, advice and referrals to businesses in the sector
- work collaboratively with other Queensland Government appointed commissioners involved in administering matters relevant to businesses in the sector (for example, the Queensland Small Business Commissioner and Liquor and Gaming Commissioner)
- work collaboratively with the equivalent of the Commissioner in other states or territories to enhance conditions for businesses in the sector
- raise awareness about issues affecting the night-life economy; compliance with legislation affecting the night-life economy; and best practice in relation to other matters affecting the night-life economy
- prepare reports as necessary or directed by the Minister about issues or general matters relating to the night-life economy or the Commissioner's functions
- and to perform any other function given to the Commissioner under this Act or another Act.

The Bill also proposes that the Commissioner has the function to conduct inquiries about issues affecting the night-life economy when directed by the Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development.

Human Rights Issues

Human rights relevant to the Bill (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

The Bill seeks Parliamentary approval to establish the Night-Life Economy Commissioner as a statutory appointment. The powers and functions of the Commissioner in no way limits the human rights of an individual.

Conclusion

I consider that the Night-Life Economy Commissioner Bill 2024 is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

THE HONOURABLE LANCE McCALLUM MP
MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS
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