Legal Profession (Strengthening Disciplinary Matters) Amendment Bill 2026

Statement of Compatibility

FOR

Amendments To Be Moved During Consideration In Detail By The Honourable Deb Frecklington MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity

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, Deb Frecklington MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity, make this statement of compatibility with respect to amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Legal Profession (Strengthening Disciplinary Matters) Amendment Bill 2026 (the Bill).

In my opinion, the amendments 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 objectives of the amendments are set out in the Explanatory Notes for the amendments.

Human Rights Issues

Human rights relevant to the Bill (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 HR Act)

In my opinion, the amendments to be moved during consideration in detail do not limit human rights protected under the HR Act.

The amendments that clarify certain decisions of the Supreme Court can be appealed to the Court of Appeal ensures the original policy intent of the Bill is achieved and promotes the right to a fair hearing (section 31 of the HR Act).

The amendments clarifying that the Legal Services Commissioner must notify corresponding legal profession entities in other jurisdictions of certain orders of the Court of Appeal made in appeals relating to discipline applications may affect a person's reputation or contain personal information; however, there is not unlawful or arbitrary interference with privacy or unlawful attack on a person's reputation. Therefore, the right to privacy and reputation (section 25 of the HR Act) is not limited.

Conclusion

In my opinion, the amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Bill are compatible with human rights under the HR Act because they do not limit human rights.

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