

Criminal Justice Legislation (Sexual Violence and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2024

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Community Support and Services Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEGISLATION (SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND OTHER MATTERS) AMENDMENT BILL 2024

We thank you for providing us with an opportunity to provide comment.

About QSAN

QSAN is the peak body for sexual violence prevention and support organisations in Queensland. We have 23 member services, including specialist services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, culturally and linguistically diverse women, women with intellectual disability, young women, men and children and our membership are located throughout Queensland, including in rural and regional locations.

Our network of non-Government services is funded to provide specialist sexual assault counselling, support, and prevention programs in Queensland. QSAN is committed to working towards ensuring all Queenslanders who experience sexual violence recently or historically, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, cultural background receive a high-quality response in line with best practice, client-centred principles. Our work and analysis of sexual violence is from a feminist perspective and addressed within a trauma-informed framework.

We are committed to engaging with government and other bodies to raise systemic issues of concern, and to ensure the voices and experiences of victims of sexual violence are considered in the formulation of policy and legislation that impacts on sexual violence victims in Queensland.

Our position

We support the Bill, especially the provisions relating to the rights of special witnesses, the video recording of evidence for reuse, if necessary, expert evidence in sexual violence matters and we strongly support the tendency and coincidence amendments.

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat.

Kind Regards,



Angela Lynch
Executive Officer.