

**Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) and Other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2022**

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Dear Secretary,

RE: Crime and Corruption Commission submission – *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022*

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission in relation to the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022* ('the Bill').

As the Committee may be aware, the Crime and Corruption Commission is currently undertaking its review of the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2004* ('the CPOROPO Act'). This review is mandated under s74C of the CPOROPO Act.

In support of that review, the CCC has released a discussion paper, and is currently receiving submissions from stakeholders as part of that review. The CCC expects to report on its review in June 2023.

Some of the key amendments in the Bill concern: the type and frequency of information reportable offenders are required to report to the register; the types of persons who become reportable offenders (noting the insertion of s12D providing a list of matters the court must consider before making an offender reporting order); information sharing with Commonwealth government agencies; and the legal powers available to police to monitor and enforce compliance with the CPOROPO Act.

All of these issues are being considered by the CCC, although they represent a relatively narrow part of the review. The CCC's review is also looking at broader

questions as to the operation of the Act and its framework, how it is implemented, and whether it is achieving its objectives.

In principle, the CCC generally supports legislation which seeks to ensure that police powers keep pace with changes in technology and modes of offending – to which these amendments are directed.

Equally, information-sharing between appropriate entities is important to achieving the purposes of the CPOROPO Act.

The CCC's review is currently collecting data that may ultimately have some relevance to these proposed amendments. For that reason, it is too soon to make specific evidence-based comments about the proposed amendments. However, noting that the matters dealt with in the Bill overlap with areas under consideration in the CCC's review, it is possible that the evidence gathered during the review may support other approaches to addressing these issues.

The CCC is happy for this submission to be made public. Should you wish to discuss the matter further, or have any questions in relation to this submission, please contact Mr David Caughlin, Executive Director, Legal, Risk and Compliance on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,



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