

EMERGENCY SERVICES REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2023; STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE BILL 2023; MARINE RESCUE QUEENSLAND BILL 2023

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I am a volunteer member of a Queensland VMR unit. I am also the owner of a recreational vessel, which I use with my family and our friends. I am very proud to be able to help fellow mariners in distress. Equally, it is very reassuring that if my family and I break down or are in danger, there are fellow VMR and Coast Guard volunteers close by to assist. I have read the proposed Bill and feel it is reasonable, balanced, well thought out and practical. As a VMR volunteer, it provides me both guidance and appropriate protections. As a recreational boater, I am equally supportive of the notion that my vessel can always be made safe. This Bill, and the program more broadly, enables the marine rescue function to remain fit for purpose and contemporary. I strongly urge Members to pass this Bill.