

Police Powers and Responsibilities (Jack's Law) Amendment Bill 2022

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Dear Madam Chair, *Corrine*,

RE: *Police Powers and Responsibilities (Jack's Law) Amendment Bill 2022*

I write in support of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities (Jack's Law) Amendment Bill 2022*, currently for the Community Support and Services Committee's consideration.

In so doing, I wish to address the three goals of the Bill.

Extension of the sunset clause of the hand-held metal detector trial

I support the extension of the proposed expiry of the hand-held metal detector scanner trial from 30 April 2023 to 30 April 2025.

My strong preference is that the provisions would not expire at all, however, for the purposes of the trial, I am pleased that it has been extended for two years.

Expansion of where the Queensland Police Service may deploy the hand-held metal detectors

I am pleased that the State Government intends to allow for the deployment of hand-held metal detectors to all Safe Night Precincts (SNPs) in Queensland, including to the one in Townsville.

Townsville City Council supported the broader deployment of hand-held metal detectors to Townsville by resolution at our meeting held on Wednesday 26 May 2021. I am also pleased that public transport across Queensland will also be subject to the trial should the Bill be passed.

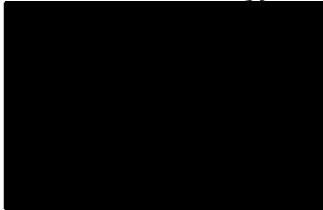
"Strengthening" of criteria about when Police may deploy hand-held metal detectors

I am concerned that provisions of the Bill which provide for criteria for Police to consider before allowing for hand-held metal detectors to be deployed. I am concerned that this will hamstring Police in their endeavours to keep our community safe in SNPs or on public transport.

However, should organisations such as the Queensland Police Union be satisfied with these criteria, I am happy to offer my unqualified support.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on this Bill.

Yours sincerely,



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Mayor of Townsville