

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

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**Submission to the Community Support and Services Committee (Committee) on the introduction of the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Jack's Law) Amendment Bill 2022 – on behalf of Scouts Queensland.**



**Background**

Scouts Queensland is considered the largest non-formal education provider to young people in Queensland with a membership of 13000, comprised of 10000 youth members aged 5- 25 and 3000 adult volunteer members.

Scouting is represented in 220 communities across Queensland and delivers a program that is focussed on young people that is Adventurous, Fun, Challenging and Inclusive.

The purpose of Scouting is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national, and international communities.

We believe we are achieving that purpose and recent data published by Resilience Australia identifies and supports that being a Scout makes a young person more resilient within our community today.

**Our Submission**

This submission focuses specifically on the Rover Scout Section – our members aged between 18-25 years. This proposed amendment to Jack's Law would have a direct and positive impact on those members, and our young leaders whilst they are engaging across the community with likeminded friends.

Scouts Queensland has over 530 young men and women who are Rover Scouts who fully support this proposed amendment – the goal of which is to make our Night Precincts safer for all.

We are supportive of the extension and expansion of the trial to all 15 SNPs across Queensland.

We understand this objective will be achieved by amending the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* to:

- extend the expiry date of the scanning provisions to 30 April 2025
- increase the scope of prescribed public areas for scanning to include all 15 SNPs and all public transport stations, including public transport vehicles
- strengthen the criteria that a senior police officer must consider before approving the use of a hand-held scanner device.

Scouts Queensland is a child and adult safe organisation and takes the safety of its members as paramount, hence any legislation that seeks to make community precincts safer carries our full support.

As such please accept this submission in full support for the proposed amendments to Jack's Law.

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