

Information Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023

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Dear Committee Secretary

Feedback in relation to the Information Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the Information Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023.

As you would be aware, as Public Advocate I undertake systemic advocacy to promote and protect the rights and interests of Queensland adults with impaired decision-making ability.

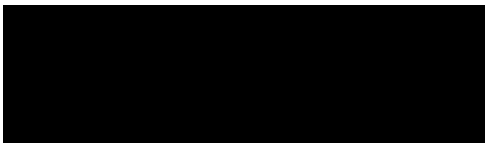
Regarding the Bill, I note that the proposed changes affect the public in general and are unlikely to affect people with impaired decision-making capacity and their information disproportionately.

My concerns are in relation to the accessibility of information and resources around information privacy and the right to information. I acknowledge that this issue is not generally addressed through legislation, but such accessibility measures including Easy English guides should be made available after the reforms are made to improve the ability for any person to learn how the new information and right to information framework affects them.

I do support the measures contained in the Bill that improve the rights of all people, such as the data breach notification scheme and the streamlining of privacy principles through the introduction of a single set of Queensland Privacy Principles.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed reforms to Queensland's information privacy and right to information framework.

Yours sincerely



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