

## **INTEGRITY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023**

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Dear Committee Secretary

### **Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 (Qld)**

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the *Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 (Qld)* (the Bill).

CA ANZ supports the Bill's objective to progress public sector integrity reforms in Queensland.

Professionalism, trust and integrity are the foundations upon which CA ANZ and our members, as practitioners, deliver the services consumers, businesses, communities and capital markets depend upon, across all sectors.

We support the proposed replacement section 47(1)(b) of the Bill which exempts from the requirement to register as a lobbyist in Queensland an entity which is constituted to represent the interests of its members, but only if the purpose of the lobbying activity is to represent the interests of its members.

We also support section 47(1)(d) of the Bill which exempts an officer or employee of an entity mentioned in section 47(1) (b) from the requirement to register as a lobbyist in Queensland.

The Bill provides a professional body, such as the Queensland Law Society (QLS), as an example of the type of entity to which the exemption under section 47(1)(b) will apply. The QLS is the peak representative body for the legal profession in Queensland, advocating for good law and serving the public good by engaging with government, the public and the legal community on issues of importance to the legal profession.

Likewise, we believe section 47(1)(b) should apply to CA ANZ, as the peak professional body for more than 136,000 accounting and financial professionals in Australia, New Zealand and around the world, including over 13,500 members in Queensland.

CA ANZ is established by Supplemental Royal Charter (Charter). The Charter prescribes CA ANZ's principal objects which include the promotion of quality, expertise and integrity in the profession of accountancy by our members. CA ANZ's ancillary objectives include advocacy in the interests of our members and in the public interest. We advocate on matters relevant to our members and the profession. Our advocacy aims to achieve better policy outcomes in the public good and influence sound legal and regulatory reform.

Further information about CA ANZ is in Appendix A.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss our submission.

Yours sincerely

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# Appendix A

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ) represents more than 136,000 financial professionals, supporting them to build value and make a difference to the businesses, organisations and communities in which they work and live.

Around the world, Chartered Accountants are known for their integrity, financial skills, adaptability and the rigour of their professional education and training.

CA ANZ promotes the Chartered Accountant (CA) designation and high ethical standards, delivers world-class services and life-long education to members and advocates for the public good. We protect the reputation of the designation by ensuring members continue to comply with a code of ethics, backed by a robust discipline process. We also monitor Chartered Accountants who offer services directly to the public.

Our flagship CA Program, the pathway to becoming a Chartered Accountant, combines rigorous education with practical experience. Ongoing professional development helps members shape business decisions and remain relevant in a changing world.

We actively engage with governments, regulators and standard-setters on behalf of members and the profession to advocate in the public interest. Our thought leadership promotes prosperity in Australia and New Zealand. Our support of the profession extends to affiliations with international accounting organisations.

We are a member of the International Federation of Accountants and are connected globally through Chartered Accountants Worldwide and the Global Accounting Alliance. Chartered Accountants Worldwide brings together members of 13 chartered accounting institutes to create a community of more than 1.8 million Chartered Accountants and students in more than 190 countries.

CA ANZ is a founding member of the Global Accounting Alliance which is made up of 10 leading accounting bodies that together promote quality services, share information and collaborate on important international issues.

We also have a strategic alliance with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. The alliance represents more than 870,000 current and next generation accounting professionals across 179 countries and is one of the largest accounting alliances in the world providing the full range of accounting qualifications.