

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SAFETY BILL 2023

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Dear Committee Secretary,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *Strengthening Community Safety Bill 2023*.

The Queensland Mental Health Commission (the Commission) welcomes the opportunity to provide comment however the time limitations preclude us from making a more substantial submission, including being able to consult with experts and leaders in these areas, in particular in youth justice, given the importance and impact of the legislation.

The Commission is concerned about the fact that as outlined in the Statement of Compatibility parts of the Bill are "incompatible" with human rights protected by the Queensland *Human Rights Act 2019*, and inconsistent with international standards about the best interests of the child.

The Commission advocates for solutions to create a safety net for vulnerable children to protect them from becoming part of the criminal justice system.

Kind regards,
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