

Criminal Code (Decriminalising Sex Work) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Ms Galbraith

I write in response to the *Criminal Code (Decriminalising Sex Work) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024* (the Bill), which was introduced to Parliament on 15 February 2024.

As you will be aware, on 29 January 2024, the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) published a notice announcing that Queensland local government elections would be held on 16 March 2024. Therefore, pursuant to State legislative requirements all local governments, including Brisbane City Council, are currently operating under caretaker provisions until advised by ECQ that the election period has ended.

As such, Council is not able to provide a formal position on the proposed Bill.

Council is firmly of the view that it should not be making representations on draft legislation so close to the local government election, in circumstances where the political views of a future administration are unknown.

In the circumstances, Council considers it appropriate that the time allowed to prepare and provide a submission should be extended until such a time following the completion of the caretaker period and the formation of the new Council.

If you would like to discuss this request further, please contact Ms Suveta Tieken, Team Manager Regional and Citywide Planning, City Planning and Economic Development, on [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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