

Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

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Dear Ms Easten

Thank you for your email and invitation to provide a submission on *the Health and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022* (the Bill) which seeks to amend the following Acts to facilitate initiatives that promote Queenslanders' health, to support the provision of health services in Queensland and to improve the operation of health portfolio and related legislation:

- *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011*
- *Medicines and Poisons Act 2019*
- *Recording of Evidence Act 1962*
- *Mental Health Act 2016*
- *Public Health Act 2005*
- *Radiation Safety Act 1999*
- *Transplantation and Anatomy Act 1979*
- *Water Fluoridation Act 2008*.

The Office of the Health Ombudsman (OHO) is supportive of the proposed changes to the *Medicines and Poisons Act*, which will facilitate the disclosure of confidential medicines and poisons information for regulation, safety, and compliance purposes, and ensure that the community is protected through the safe and secure management of medications and poisons.

The OHO is also supportive of the new requirements for Hospital and Health Boards and Hospital and Health Services to proactively consider ways to support staff health, safety and wellbeing.

I have no other comments to make in relation to this Bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to consider any implications of the Bill for the performance of the Health Ombudsman's functions.

Yours sincerely



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Health Ombudsman