



12 June 2017

Committee Secretary
Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Transport and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017

We refer to the letter dated 25 May 2017 seeking Submissions on the above-mentioned legislation by 16 June 2017. We commend the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee and the Queensland Government for their efforts in legislative reform.

Protect All Children Today Inc. (PACT) is a non-profit community organisation established in 1986 as a service provider of court support as well as advocating for vulnerable children, young people and their families. PACT's Child Witness Support Program provides support for children and young people who are required to give evidence in criminal court matters, either as victims of, or witnesses to, a crime. PACT recruits Child Witness Support Volunteers to provide child victims and witnesses with support and information about the Criminal Justice System. Approximately, 70% of the children supported by PACT are victims of sexual assault. Therefore, it is through our experience that we offer the following comments.

Whilst we do not have particular expertise in this area, we are very supportive of the objects of the Bill to amend the *Transport and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017*. We specifically express support in relation to the amendments to *Adult Proof of Age Card Act 2008* which will enable young people over 15 years to obtain evidence of their identity. We further consider the renaming to **Photo Identification Card** provides better clarity. The simplification of the application process and introduction of new technologies and flexibility is also considered favourably by PACT.

We further agree there is justification to exclude people with a conviction for attempted rape, from driving vehicles which provide public passenger services as this will assist in providing greater safety and protection to vulnerable child and adult Queenslanders.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this piece of legislation.

Yours sincerely



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