

Executive Summary

On 27 August 2025, the Honourable Daniel (Dan) Purdie MP, Minister for Police and Emergency Services, introduced the Community Protection and Public Child Sex Offender Register (Daniel's Law) Bill 2025 (Bill) into the Legislative Assembly. The Bill was referred to the Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee (committee) for detailed consideration.

The objectives of the Bill are to:

- increase community awareness by giving parents and carers access to information to help protect children via a three-tiered public register under the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2024* (CPOROPOA)¹
- guard against misuse of offender information by introducing offences targeted at conduct intending to or likely to incite others to intimidate or harass another person they believe, or suspect, is an identified offender as well as against unauthorised sharing of information obtained through the register.²

Broad protections from liability for those who administer the register are provided for as well as a statutory review provision.³

The committee received and considered the following evidence:

- 38 written submissions from stakeholders
- a written briefing provided by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) on 2 September 2025
- evidence provided at a public hearing in Brisbane on 19 September 2025, and
- a public briefing provided by the QPS in Brisbane on 19 September 2025.

Following the public proceedings, the committee travelled to Perth on a study visit to learn more about the operation and administration of the Western Australia (WA) public notification scheme and Community Protection website. The Bill before the Legislative Assembly is broadly modelled on the WA public child sex offender register which has been operating since 2012.

The committee is satisfied that the Bill gives sufficient regard to the rights and liberties of individuals and the institution of Parliament as required by the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*. The committee recognises that the Bill limits certain human rights as defined under the *Human Rights Act 2019* (HRA) for the reasons set out in section 3 of the report. However, the committee is satisfied that the exceptional circumstances as outlined in the 'statement about exceptional circumstances' apply to the relevant provisions of the HRA such that the provisions have effect despite not being compatible with some of the human rights as defined in the HRA.

The committee made 1 recommendation, found at page vi of this report.

¹ Explanatory notes, p 3.

² Explanatory notes, p 1.

³ Explanatory notes, p 5.