

Electoral Laws (Restoring Electoral Fairness) Amendment Bill 2025

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Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee
Parliament House

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By email

Dear Committee Chair

RE: ELECTORAL LAWS (RESTORING ELECTORAL FAIRNESS) AMENDMENT BILL 2025

I am writing to you as **QLD Branch President of the Australian Lawyers Alliance (ALA)**. The ALA is a national association of lawyers, academics and other professionals dedicated to protecting and promoting access to justice and equality before the law for all individuals.

The ALA is represented in every state and territory in Australia. We estimate that our 1,500 members represent up to 200,000 people each year across Australia.

I refer to the Committee's Inquiry into the *Electoral Laws (Restoring Electoral Fairness) Amendment Bill 2025*. The ALA understands the deadline for comment was 2nd January 2026.

The ALA have received a copy of, and carefully reviewed, Sister's Inside Inc's submission to the Committee in respect of the Bill, dated 17 December 2025 ("the Submission").

Please be advise that the ALA endorses the Submission. The ALA echoes the Sisters Inside Inc's call to the Government to remove provisions in the Bill that expand voting disqualification to persons serving sentences of imprisonment or detention of one year or more, and that the existing voting eligibility framework be retained.

The ALA is particularly concerned about the disproportionate impact this Bill would have upon Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Likewise, we believe such a Bill as it currently stands is wholly incompatible with the *Queensland Human Right Act 2019*.

Please direct correspondence to Chris Haynes, Policy & Advocacy Manager, Australian Lawyers Alliance, on [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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