

Executive Summary

On 4 March 2026, the Honourable Deborah (Deb) Frecklington MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity, introduced the Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2026 (Bill) to the Legislative Assembly. The Bill was referred to the Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee (committee) for detailed consideration.

The major policy objectives of the Bill are to:

- disrupt the theft, sale and disposal of stolen metal as scrap metal
- increase the efficiency of the coronial system in Queensland by easing the pressure placed upon the system and streamlining the allocation of coronial resources, and
- strengthen the stock offence framework by increasing the monetary penalties for nine stock related offences.¹

The Bill also amends a broad range of legislation in the justice and integrity portfolio relating to the administration of justice, including civil and criminal proceedings, right to information and information privacy laws, property law, public records, gaming and occupational licensing. This includes amendments necessary to facilitate the disclosure of information to accredited media entities regarding court proceedings.²

The committee received and considered the following evidence:

- 16 written submissions from stakeholders
- a written briefing provided by the Department of Justice (Department) on 12 March 2026
- evidence provided by the Department at a public briefing and from witnesses at a public hearing in Brisbane on 8 April 2026.

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 found that the Bill is compatible with human rights as defined in the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

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

¹ Explanatory notes, pp 1-2.

² Explanatory notes, pp 1-2, 7.