

Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Bill 2025

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Chair, Deputy Chair and Members,
Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee
Queensland Parliament

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By email

Dear Mr Hunt, Mr Russo, Mr Berkman, Mr Field, Ms Marr and Mrs McMahon,

MAKING QUEENSLAND SAFER (ADULT CRIME, ADULT TIME) AMENDMENT BILL 2025

I am writing to you as **Queensland Branch Committee 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.

With regards to the ongoing inquiry being conducted by the Justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee ('Committee') into the Making Queensland Safer (Adult Crime, Adult Time) Amendment Bill 2025 ('Bill'), the ALA has had the opportunity to review the published submissions – in particular, the submissions from Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) Queensland, and from Sisters Inside Inc.

The ALA endorses the law and policy recommendations made by ANTaR Queensland and Sisters Inside Inc in their submissions in the course of their opposition to the provisions of this Bill.

The ALA remains concerned that:

- youth detention in Queensland does not result in the rehabilitation of children or their safe reintegration into the community – instead, investments in housing, education, health services and community-led, trauma-informed programs will assist in supporting vulnerable children and their families across Queensland;
- the changes ushered in by this Bill will have a disproportionate and negative effect on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Queensland; and

- the Bill breaches Queensland's *Human Rights Act 2019*, as well as Queensland's obligations under international human rights law.

We thank the Committee for its attention on these important matters in relation to this Bill.

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Yours sincerely,

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Sarah Grace
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