



Child Protection (Offender  
Reporting) OLAB 2014  
Submission 004

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Research Director  
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE Q 4000

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Report No. 60, Child Protection (Offender Reporting) Amendment Bill 2014**

Protect All Children Today Inc. (PACT) is supportive of any steps being taken to better protect vulnerable children and young people from sexual predators.

Specifically, we support that reportable offenders be required to report more frequently and in a manner required by the Police Commissioner.

We further agree with extending the time in which an application for reporting can be made under section 13 and imposing uniformed reporting periods for offenders.

The proposal for an initial report to be made while an offender is in government detention will also better protect vulnerable children and young people.

The only concern we express in relation to extending the personal details for reportable offenders Schedule 2 s 11(3), is in maintaining the confidentiality of the personal information of child victims and witnesses (6). This may include limiting the access to, and distribution of, this personal data.

We further support: the imposing of more stringent time frames in which offenders must report changes to personal details; the obtaining of DNA; and allowing police to take reportable offenders to the nearest police establishment to provide a written notice.

Whilst we strongly support the proposal for the Queensland child protection register to be comprised of a number of core components used for the purpose of collecting and storing reportable offender information, we again stress the need to ensure that child victims and witnesses personal details are well protected.

In relation to Subdivision 2 19 (3) we query what steps are in place to inform other Australian States and Territories that a reportable offender has left Queensland and relocated to their jurisdiction. Again, PACT's concern is to ensure that children and young people are protected.

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We believe that enhanced communication is imperative to the success of these reforms to ensure that Police, victims and offenders are aware of their obligations.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on this piece of legislation and trust that our input has been of value.

Yours sincerely



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**Chairperson**



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