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**G20 (Safety & Security) Bill 2013  
Submission 002**

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Mr Ian Berry MP  
Chair  
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
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Dear Mr Berry

**G20 (Safety and Security) Bill 2013**

Thank you for your letter dated 22 August 2013 inviting Council to consider and comment upon the *G20 (Safety and Security) Bill 2013* ("the Bill").

The Bill establishes a structure for security arrangements relevant for the G20 summit and related meetings. To that extent Council has no comment in relation to the intent of the Bill.

However, as the relevant local authority for the City of Brisbane in which the main G20 Summit event will be held, the Bill necessarily raises a series of operational issues for Council which need to be finalised to ensure the seamless operation of Brisbane and the G20 Summit.

Council officers will be working with representatives from both the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments over the next 14 months, providing input and guidance to support operational planning for the event.

In the interim, Council wishes to place on record its preliminary issues and questions concerning the operation of the Bill. Council appreciates that these may not be able to be clarified until all operational planning for the event is completed.

As more work is undertaken by all levels of government involved, further operational issues will most likely also be raised for consideration.

Yours sincerely

Colin Jensen  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
Att.

## **G20 (Safety and Security) Bill 2013**

### **ISSUES & QUESTIONS**

#### Issues

1. Will Council Officers be made appointed persons under the Bill?
2. If so, what are they expected to do, what training will they need, what equipment will be needed, and who issues certification?
3. If council officers are not to be appointed will they have to go into:-
  - (a) restricted areas;
  - (b) motorcade areas;
  - (c) declared areas?
4. If so, what accreditation will they need, what equipment will they need, and who is entitled to direct them?
5. What instructions are likely to be made to Council Officers? Who pays and who provides equipment?
6. Council equipment may fall within the definition of a prohibited object.
7. Will Council receive an exception for equipment that is needed but defined as prohibited?
8. How will Council standard services be maintained within restricted areas, declared area and motorcade areas?
9. What can Council officers be forced to do in the event of a motorcade closure of a Council road?
10. Demonstrations can occur within the declared area. This appears as of right. Will Council have a role in dealing with demonstrations inside the declared area in such places as the Queens Street Mall, Musgrave Park and the CBD generally?

#### **Detailed Questions**

- 1) Is it intended that Council officers will be appointed as appointed persons under clause 89(1)?
  - a) Is it appropriate that Council officers have these powers?
    - i) What type of powers will Council officers be given?
    - ii) Should the unions be consulted?
  - b) Who will train these officers?

- c) How will the training be funded?
  - d) Who will pay these officers if they are acting as appointed persons?
  - e) What WHS regime will support these officers – e.g. lost time due to injury, trauma counselling if violence experienced?
- 2) What directions will the police or appointed persons be giving to Council officers?
- a) How will Council officers identify appointed persons?
  - b) Will the directions be of the type that require Council to specifically train Council officers? – e.g. checking bins for dangerous substances.
  - c) If Council officers are to assist in putting up barriers, signs – who is providing the infrastructure?
- 3) Assemblies are lawful if held in a declared area (excluding a restricted area or a motorcade area). The remaining declared area in Brisbane (after the 2 named areas are removed) is extensive, and would allow for assemblies in the Mall, Southbank etc. – is this the intention? If so, who will be monitoring these assemblies?
- 4) What is Council to do if police move people, who intended to assemble in the declared area referred to in 3) above, to a point that is outside the declared area?
- 5) Who will ensure that the motorcade area is secure?
- a) Is Council to close the side streets?
  - b) How much warning will be given?
- 6) Will relevant Council staff need accreditation to do their work if they would normally work in part of a restricted area?
- 7) What formal consultation will occur on actions taken by police during G20 (given that Council was not consulted on the Bill)?
- 8) What steps will be taken to ensure that standard services are able to run as normally as possible – e.g. bus services, garbage collection, etc.?