



Research Director
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Guardianship and Administration and other legislation Amendment Bill 2012

I refer to correspondence dated 14th September from Mr. Ray Hopper MP, Chair of the Parliamentary Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee regarding the above named Amendment Bill.

You may be aware that the Endeavour Foundation provided feedback to the Attorney- General in correspondence dated 29/06/12 on the proposed amendments to the Guardianship and Administration Act 2000 specifically regarding the proposal to increase the powers of the Public Advocate.

At the time of this correspondence Endeavour identified four areas where more details were needed. These areas were:

- Due process and procedural fairness protections for organisations and individuals
- Concerns regarding the interaction of the proposed Bill with other State and Federal legislation which may be enacted or take precedence in such matters
- Dispute, grievance and conciliation processes
- The scope and definition of the 'Reasonable excuse' provisions

On receiving your letter and reviewing the objectives and details of the amendment Bill now made available, we continue to support the strengthening of the powers of the Public Advocate as outlined within this amendment Bill.

The Endeavour Foundation is satisfied, in good faith, that the detail publicly provided within the Bill allow for a balance of protections for individuals whose information may be required by the Public Advocate and organisations who will provide this information.



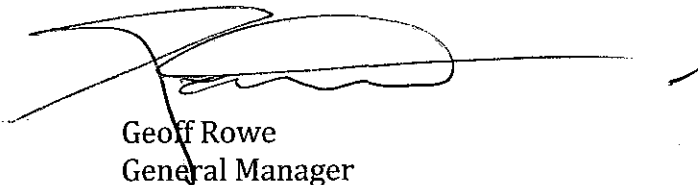
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Given this, Endeavour Foundation will not be making a more detailed submission with regard to the new Guardianship and Administration and Other legislation Amendment Bill 2012.

Endeavour Foundation would like to thank the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee for the opportunity to provide feedback on this important change to the Guardianship legislation in Queensland.

Yours Faithfully,



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