



**SUPREME COURT OF
QUEENSLAND**

CHAMBERS OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

**Penalties & Sentences &
Other Legislation
Submission 015**



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Dear Mr Hopper

Penalties and Sentences and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, 2012

Thank you for your letter of 12 July 2012 inviting me to make a submission about this Bill.

In accordance with established practice, the Court does not make submissions on proposed legislation that is before the Parliament, unless it has implications for the institutional integrity of the Court, its workings or its resources.

The introduction of the "Offender levy" will have resource implications for court registries. The proposed section 179F of the *Penalties and Sentences Act* requires the "proper officer of the court" to provide particulars in relation to the levy to the State Penalties Enforcement Registry.

As your Committee appreciates, each year court registries are required to meet increasing demands upon their resources. The Offender levy is expected to generate substantial revenue for the State, but this will come at a cost in terms of human and other resources in our registries.

I trust that consideration will be given to the resource implications for Court registries in complying with these arrangements.

The cost of the proposed arrangements is something that I expect will be taken up in communications between the Court and the Executive.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon P de Jersey AC
Chief Justice