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Dear Committee Secretary

Human Rights Bill 2018

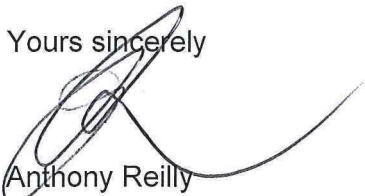
Thank you for inviting Legal Aid Queensland to comment on the Human Rights Bill 2018 (the Bill).

Legal Aid Queensland supports the Bill, particularly the articulation of important rights in relation to the criminal justice system, namely the right to a fair hearing, the right not to be tried or punished more than once, the right to protection against retrospective criminal laws, the rights of children in the criminal process and the minimum guarantees that a person charged with a criminal offence is entitled without discrimination to receive.

Regarding the minimum guarantees that a person charged with a criminal offence is entitled to receive, we are pleased to note that concerns raised by Legal Aid Queensland in the consultation process that the right to legal assistance through legal aid is subject to eligibility for legal aid, have been addressed.

If the Committee has any questions of Legal Aid Queensland, please contact Craig May, Principal Policy Officer, on [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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