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Queensland Child Sexual Abuse Legislative Reform Council submission by  
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I strongly believe and say that this Bill is incomplete and inept Bill, designed to save money as a Government at the expense of Survivors of Abuse.

The Government has been asleep at the wheel or sought to avoid culpability.

Indeed when I went to Education Department in 2005 to report my historical child abuse. I was told by an ethical standards branch employee that the convicted paedophile had suicided. Operation Argos told me differently and he was convicted in November 2017.

I note that the Government Bill tries to prospectively deal with sexual abuse only at the expense of brave survivors who fall outside the patent of the Royal Commission. Several other states have expanded the definition of abuse and yet Queensland has resisted. What a shameful state of affairs.

What a shameful thing to do to brave survivors of abuse and now shows up the ALP ; the once social justice goliath that they were once in doing so. I urge a return to the social justice party that I once belonged too.

I note the Premier is on Handsard in 2016 as saying her inspiration for child abuse reform was from a personal friend who was not sexually abused and has not been assisted in his matter at law and as he was abused but not sexually abused.

The Premier also says the Brisbane Grammar network meeting with the Premier was an inspiration for legislative change in 2016, but one person in attendance at that meeting was bashed as well as sexually abused. He now finds his full claim at law compromised.

The lack of any definition of other forms of child abuse in the definition in the Bill apart from Sexual Abuse is apparent and the secrecy to include other forms of child abuse in this Bill fails the fair go test. I can not support this Bill which is an all care and no

responsibility Bill from Government.

The Bill fails in its attempts to adequately cover a glaring deficiency in the confusing way incorporated and unincorporated entities are dealt with. ie Catholics are unincorporated and most Anglicans are incorporated so this creates an uneven playing field in the Bill.

Why won't the Government publicly release its Attorney General's issues paper about the matters which are in the subject of this Bill. The Attorney General has not offered any reason for not extending the definition of child abuse but also in Hansard said the issues paper was to deal with in part the extended definition.

Why because they and previous Governments are culpible and seek to save money at survivors expense, shame on you.

The Berkman Bill is the superior Bill and should be adopted, not this Bill, as it is more closely aligned to the government's own issues paper and the issues contained within it.

The Queensland Child Sexual Abuse Legislative Reform Council does not support this Bill for the above reasons.

Yours Sincerely

Kelvin Johnston

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