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Dear Chair

Justice Legislation (Links to Terrorist Activity) Amendment Bill 2018

Thank you for inviting the Parole Board Queensland (PBQ) to provide submissions on the Justice Legislation (Links to Terrorist Activity) Amendment Bill 2018. The Bill amends the *Corrective Services Act 2006* to create a presumption against parole for prisoners who have been convicted of a terrorism offence, are the subject of a control order or have promoted terrorism. The Bill also reverses the presumption of parole in limited circumstances where the parole board receives a report from the commissioner of police identifying that there is a reasonable likelihood that a prisoner may carry out a terrorist act.

Clause 13 inserts new ss193B-193E which will be found under Part 1, Division 2, Subdivision 2 Procedure of the *Corrective Services Act 2006*. The new section 193B deals with applications for parole orders and includes, under section 193B(c) an application for a parole order if the parole board is satisfied the prisoner has promoted terrorism. A 'Note' in section 193B refers to a new section 247A which provides for when a person promotes terrorism. The new section 247A will be found under Part 3, General of the *Corrective Services Act 2006*. Whilst the location of the new section 247A is not overly an issue, unless there is a legislative reason, then the PBQ would prefer if this provision is included as part of section 193B in order to assist the Board with ease of reference and maintain relevance within Division 2, Subdivision 2 of the *Corrective Services Act 2006* which deals with procedures for PBQ.

In relation to the extension of time to be given under the new section 193C, PBQ is of the view that this is a reasonable period of time and will assist in ensuring that all relevant information is obtained before the board makes a decision in matters where significant levels of complexity may arise.

If you require any further information or assistance, your officers may contact Ms Valentina McKenzie on telephone number [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully



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