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Mr Peter Russo MP
Chair
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Parliament House
Cnr Alice and George Streets
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Russo

I write seeking the assistance of the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee in relation to the progression of the *Summary Offences and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019* (the Bill).

As you would be aware, a number of protests have taken place this week, during which similar devices to those defined in the Bill have been used, with further protests planned in Brisbane and in regional Queensland.

In the interests of safety, it would be desirable for the Bill to be brought forward and I respectfully ask the Committee to consider this matter.

I understand the Committee is currently scheduled to report on the Bill on 4 November 2019. However, I write to advise that a resolution may be moved in the House in the sitting week commencing 15 October 2019 to ask the Committee to report back to the house by 21 October 2019.

Given the truncated timeframe, for reporting, I seek your indulgence and that of the Committee to consider holding public hearings during the sitting week commencing 15 October 2019 so that there can still be proper public consultation on the Bill. This would enable the Bill to be debated in the Parliament during the sitting week commencing 22 October.

I appreciate that this request is extraordinary in nature but given the increased frequency of protests and the additional inconvenience being caused to commuters, businesses and residents of a number of centres across the state, it seems prudent to bring forward consideration of the Bill to allow the Queensland Police Service to have the full arsenal of laws at its disposal to deal with emerging situations.

Thank you for considering this matter.

Yours sincerely

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The Honourable Mark Ryan MP
**Minister for Police and
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The Honourable Attorney-General and Minister for Justice.