



Committee Secretary  
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane Queensland 4000  
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To Whom it May Concern

**Re: QDN response to the Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019**

Queenslanders with Disability Network (QDN) welcomes the opportunity to make a brief submission to the Queensland Government's Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

QDN is an organisation of, for, and with people with disability, with over 2000 members and supporters. QDN operates a state-wide network of members who provide information, feedback and views from the lived experience of people with disability to inform systemic policy. QDN also provides information and referral support to people with disability. QDN's submission is reflective of the views of our members.

QDN notes the purposes of the Bill are to amend legislation within the justice portfolio to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the courts and administrative agencies and clarify, strengthen and update that legislation. QDN welcomes amendments that further the protection of the human rights for vulnerable people.

In keeping with this view, QDN supports the amendments to:

- the *Ombudsman Act 2001* to allow the Ombudsman to delegate the making of a decision about a human rights' compliant under section 66 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* to an appropriately qualified officer
- the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* to allow the Queensland Human Rights Commission (formerly the Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland) to defer a decision about the acceptance of out-of-time complaints in some circumstances until after the parties have participated in a conciliation conference.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this brief submission to the Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. If you have any further questions, please call QDN on 1300 363 783.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angela Boyd', is written over a circular stamp or seal.

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