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Editor's notes:

- In June 2011, the Parliament established portfolio based committees whose role includes the scrutiny or examination of Bills introduced into the Parliament.
- The Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services Committee has responsibilities in the portfolio areas of Attorney-General and Justice, Fair Trading, Police and Community Safety.
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Media Release

Right to Information

A parliamentary committee wants to hear your views on a proposed change to the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

The Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services Committee will examine the Right to Information (Government-related Entities) Amendment Bill 2011. The committee will examine the policy to be enacted by the Bill and the application to the Bill of fundamental legislative principles, and must report to the Parliament by early March 2012.

The Bill proposes that corporations which are supported directly or indirectly by government funds or other assistance, and those corporations which are controlled by the State, a minister or a department will be considered a "public authority" and be covered by the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

When introducing the Bill into the Parliament, Mr Jarrod Bleijie MP stated that the proposal in the Bill was one of over 140 recommendations made by the Freedom of Information Review Panel in its 2008 report on the overhaul of Queensland's freedom of information regime.

The Bill would extend right to information laws to entities such as City North Infrastructure Pty Ltd, a company which was established to represent the state and communities of Queensland on major infrastructure projects such as the combined Airport Link, Northern Busway and airport roundabout upgrade. At present the right to information laws do not apply to this company which is a wholly owned Queensland Government operation.

Acting Chair of the Committee, Hon Dean Wells said:

"The committee is examining this Bill and is calling for public submissions to ensure that the views of all Queenslanders who may be affected by this matter can be part of that examination."

Public submissions on the Bill close on **Friday 11 November 2011**.

The Bill and explanatory notes can be accessed at
http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/Bill_Pages/Bill_53_11.htm

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