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Hon Dean Wells MP
Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Mr Wells,

Right to Information (Government-related Entities) Amendment Bill 2011

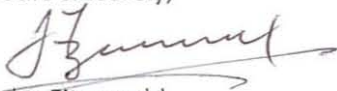
Thank you for your letter dated 19 October 2011 concerning the above Bill.

Events Queensland Pty Ltd appreciates the invitation to make a submission in relation to the Bill. However, because the question as to the effective reach of the Right to Information legislative regime with respect to "public authorities" of the State, is essentially a policy decision for the Executive Government, Events Queensland Pty Ltd does not intend to make a submission.

We would observe for the information of the Committee that it appears to us that the variation to the meaning of "public authority" that the Bill proposes would have the effect of capturing a very wide range of organisations that receive either direct or indirect support through Government. For example, the proposed variation would appear to cover a donation by the State to a charity or a grant or subsidy by the State to a community entity. These organisation would not normally be regarded as being subject to the Act. It seems to us, therefore, that the proposed variation to the statutory definition may be too broadly drawn.

We trust that our observations are of some assistance to the Committee in undertaking its examination of the Bill and we look forward to reading the Committee's report..

Yours sincerely,


John Fitzgerald
Company Secretary