

**CRIMINAL LAW (COERCIVE CONTROL AND AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT) AND OTHER LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT BILL 2023**

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Dear Legal Affairs and Safety Committee

**RE: CRIMINAL LAW (COERCIVE CONTROL AND AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT) AND OTHER LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT BILL 2023**

Thank you for the chance to respond to the Criminal Law (Coercive Control and Affirmative Consent) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023. The Queensland Council for LGBTI Health (QC) has been a home for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Sistergirl and Brotherboy people and communities in Queensland for over 35 years. We are proud to be a community-led and community-owned health and wellbeing service, representing the diversity of our communities.

We support RESPECT INC. in their submission, and in particular;

Support the Criminal Law (Coercive Control and Affirmative Consent) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 including the sex work related provisions **348AA(1)(l)** related to fraudulent misrepresentation that a sex worker would be paid, **348AA(1)(n)** the stealthing provision, **103ZW(e)** the jury direction in relation to sex workers and **103ZG** that prohibits questions and evidence concerning sexual reputation of complainant that we take to include sex work experience.

However, we strongly recommend the rewording or removal of **348AA(1)(k)(i)** relating to the 'identity of a person' and we join many other organisations to recommend the removal of **348AA(1)(m)** related to 'serious disease' and endorse the submission by Queensland Positive People (QPP) and National Association of People with HIV Australia (NAPWHA) on this provision.

Thank you for the chance to respond to the Criminal Law (Coercive Control and Affirmative Consent) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023. QC hopes to be a part of consultations and other opportunities to provide feedback in the future with the Committee so that more voices can be heard.

Yours sincerely



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