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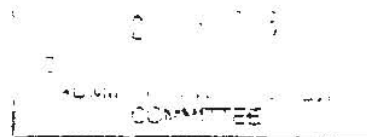
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Legal Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE Q. 4000



Attention: **Judy Gamin MLA**

Dear Madam,

Re: Criminal Law (Sex Offenders Reporting) Bill 1977

We note you are currently seeking comment with respect to the above mentioned proposed legislation. We have not been invited to respond to the Bill, however we have read the proposal and have some real concerns about the Bill should it proceed in its current state.

Queensland Advocacy Incorporated is a systems organisation for people with disability. We are concerned by those provisions which relate to people who have been acquitted of sexual offences on the basis of unsound mind. We understand that the Queensland Association of Mental Health has provided you with a detailed submission discussing these matters. We advise that we broadly support their submissions and can only recommend that the Bill be amended to delete references to those people who have been acquitted on the grounds of unsoundness of mind and also that the provisions on retrospectivity be removed. We consider that the purpose of the Register must be also be stated in the Bill.

We look forward to your earliest advice with respect to these matters.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'C. J. Douglas'.

Christine Douglas
Acting Director