

LEGAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Report No. 17 on the

Weapons and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION

On 31 October 2012, the Weapons and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 (the Bill) was introduced into Parliament.

The Bill was subsequently referred to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee (the Committee) with a report back date of 22 November 2012.

On 22 November 2012, the Committee tabled its report (No.17) in relation to the Bill (the Report).

The Queensland Government's response to the Report's recommendations on matters raised by the Committee and key fundamental legislative principles are provided below.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation 1

The committee recommends that the Weapons and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 be passed.

- Government response: **Supported.**

The Government supports that the Weapons and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 (the Bill) be passed and thanks the Committee for its consideration of the Bill.


Recommendation 2

The committee recommends that the Minister for Police and Community Safety consider the proposal by the Queensland Nurses' Union through a separate review of the provisions in the Weapons Act 1990, with the aim of strengthening the protections for frontline workers in their place of work.

Government response: **Supported**

The Government supports the Committee's recommendation and will refer the issue to Phase 2 of the review of the *Weapons Act 1990* to investigate methods of strengthening workplace safety for nurses and other staff working in Queensland's health care facilities.

END RESPONSE

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