

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 27 ON THE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND OTHER LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT BILL 2022
QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Introduction

On 12 October 2022, the Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (the Bill) was introduced into Parliament.

The Bill was subsequently referred to the Health and Environment Committee (the Committee) with a report back date of 25 November 2022.

On 25 November 2022, the Committee tabled its Report No. 27 in relation to the Bill.

Recommendations

The Committee made two recommendations. The Queensland Government response to the Committee's recommendations is provided below:

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends the Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 be passed.

Government Response

The Government thanks the Committee for this recommendation.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends the Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs take note of the Committee's comments and, in her second reading speech, address the issues raised about the proposed amendment in clause 105 of the Bill and the adequacy of defences in section 493 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

Government Response

The Government accepts this recommendation. The Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs has reviewed the Committee's comments and will, in her second reading speech, address the specific issues raised.