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Dear Professor Bronitt

Police Powers and Responsibilities (Commonwealth Games) Amendment Act 2017

Thank you for your letter received on 24 August 2018 regarding the University of Queensland's review of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities (Commonwealth Games) Amendment Act 2017*. The review was raised with the Queensland Law Society's Criminal Law Committee at their meeting on 18 September 2018.

QLS raised a number of concerns with this legislation during its passage through the legislative assembly, in particular, the breadth of the powers afforded to a police officer. However, subsequent to the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games held in April, no further issues have been identified. Anecdotal experience of the members of our Committee is that the powers were not used.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the University of Queensland's review. If you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Legal Policy Manager, Binny De Saram on (07) 3842 5889 or by email B.DeSaram@qls.com.au.

Yours faithfully



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