

11 November 2024

Our ref: [MC-LP]

The Hon David Crisafulli MP
Premier and Minister for Veterans
1 William Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Premier

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On behalf of the Queensland Law Society (QLS), I again congratulate you on your election as Premier of Queensland and appointment as Minister for Veterans.

QLS recognises the new Government has a strong legislative reform agenda. We take this opportunity to offer the assistance of QLS, the legal profession and in particular, the QLS legal policy committees, comprised of volunteer practitioners with significant experience across many different legal practice areas. Our legal policy committees examine policy and legislative proposals and also consider practical issues affecting the profession and the broader community.

QLS was pleased to receive the response of the Liberal National Party to the QLS 2024 Queensland State Election - Call to Parties 2024.

QLS particularly welcomed the commitments to providing as much time as possible on proposed legislation to increase transparency around the Parliamentary process and to work with stakeholder to ensure the State has legislation which supports Queenslanders living safe and peacefully in our communities.

In the QLS Call to Parties 2024, we also called for commitments to:

- Increase parliamentary committee reporting timeframes so that standard timeframes are eight weeks between introduction of the bill and committee reporting date, with a view to facilitating a standard public consultation process of six weeks between introduction of the bill and public submission due dates;
- Ensure that bills have sufficient regard to the institution of parliament including by ensuring that regulation-making powers are drafted in accordance with the fundamental legislative principles, set out in the *Legislative Standards Act 1992* (Qld);

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- Refrain from abrogating the right to claim self-incrimination privilege (including derivative evidence) and review existing instances to determine the appropriateness of any such abrogation.

We look forward to working with you and your Government to achieve positive outcomes for the Queensland community and progress law reform consistent with the rule of law and fundamental legislative principles.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your convenience to discuss these issues further.

I invite an appropriate member of your team to contact our Director of Advocacy and Legal Policy, [REDACTED] to arrange a convenient time.

