

12 November 2024

Our ref: [MC-LP]

The Hon Tim Nicholls MP  
Minister for Health and Ambulance Services  
1 William Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000

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Dear Minister

**Welcome to portfolio and legal profession issues**

On behalf of the Queensland Law Society (QLS), I again extend my congratulations to you on your appointment as Minister for Health and Ambulance Services.

We take this opportunity to offer the assistance of the legal profession and in particular, QLS legal policy committees, where your responsibilities involve legislative and policy reform. The QLS legal policy committees examine policy and legislative proposals and also consider practical issues affecting the profession and the broader community.

As indicated in my letter of 1 November 2024, I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss these issues further.

In particular, members of our Health and Disability Law Committee have substantial expertise in issues relevant to your portfolio, which might be helpful to progressing the policy objectives of the government.

We note your government's commitment to ensuring the safety and respect of older Queenslanders and Queenslanders living with disability. This can be achieved through actions including:

- supporting multidisciplinary approaches to assessing decision-making capacity by adequately funding allied health and other supports and training and resources for people carrying out capacity assessments; and
- coordination of state and national regulation of restrictive practices and resourcing training across all sectors with a view to minimising their use across all health, aged care and disability care settings

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

Please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Advocacy and Legal Policy, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to arrange a convenient time.

