

The consultation process

The Queensland Law Reform Commission conducts extensive research and undertakes wide consultation before reporting to the Attorney-General as to how the law could be improved.

The Commission is currently preparing a discussion paper on the confidentiality provisions. At different stages during the preparation of this paper and after its publication, the Commission will undertake extensive consultation.

Consultation will aid the Commission in:

- identifying all of the key issues for the Commission to consider
- finding out how the law works in practice, including what is causing problems
- generating suggestions for how the law could be improved
- refining, developing and testing proposed recommendations.

Types of consultation

Reference group

The Commission has established an informal reference group to assist with the review. The role of the reference group is to widen the expertise of the Commission and to provide advice on the review. In particular, it is hoped that the group will help ensure that the Commission has identified all of the relevant issues and perspectives, and assist in making suggestions for how the law could be improved.

Public forums

The Commission proposes to hold a number of public forums to promote widespread community participation in its review.

After briefly outlining the key issues involved in the review, the consultations will be open for contributions, comments and discussions by all who are present.

Details of the dates, venues and times of public forums will be posted on the Commission's website and advertised widely.

Focus groups

The Commission will hold meetings to hear the views of different groups of people from particular interests or backgrounds.

Informal consultation

The Commission will speak to and meet with persons with expertise and interest in the area throughout the review process. You are welcome to contact the Commission at any time.

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