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Dear Ms Kingham

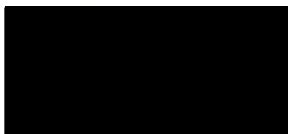
Thank you for your email of 21 February 2025 about the release of Queensland Law Reform Commission's (QLRC) consultation paper *'Equality and integrity: Reforming criminal defences in Queensland'*.

I thank QLRC for the opportunity to provide input into sentencing reforms. I note in September 2024, Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) provided data requested by QLRC relating to persons sentenced for murder, manslaughter and attempted murder, to assist in the review (your reference: 7067526).

QCS acknowledges that the sentencing practices in the front-end of the criminal justice system can significantly impact the number of prisoners and offenders under QCS supervision, how long a person stays in custody, and capacity in Queensland prisons. The impacts of prison overcrowding include reduced space and resources for the prisoner population resulting in limited infrastructure to facilitate rehabilitation opportunities necessary to improve community safety, higher rates of offensive and anti-social behaviour, assaults, and general non-compliance. QCS appreciates QLRC considering these impacts as part of the review.

If you require further information regarding this matter, please contact [REDACTED] Director, Legislation Group, Policy and Legal Command, QCS on telephone [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely



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