



Have you, or someone you supported, given evidence in court?

About our review

We are reviewing evidence law. Our review is broad. It covers evidence law's application in criminal and civil proceedings and in pre-trial procedures.

What is evidence?

Evidence is the material that can be given to a court to enable the fact finder (judge, magistrate or jury) to decide the matters in dispute.

What is evidence law?

Evidence law comprises the rules and legal principles that manage how facts in a legal proceeding may be proved. It regulates how evidence is gathered and presented, focusing on proving disputed facts. Evidence law is based on concepts of reliability and fairness.

Victims, witnesses and parties

The justice system is complex and can be difficult to navigate, particularly for people from diverse and disadvantaged communities.

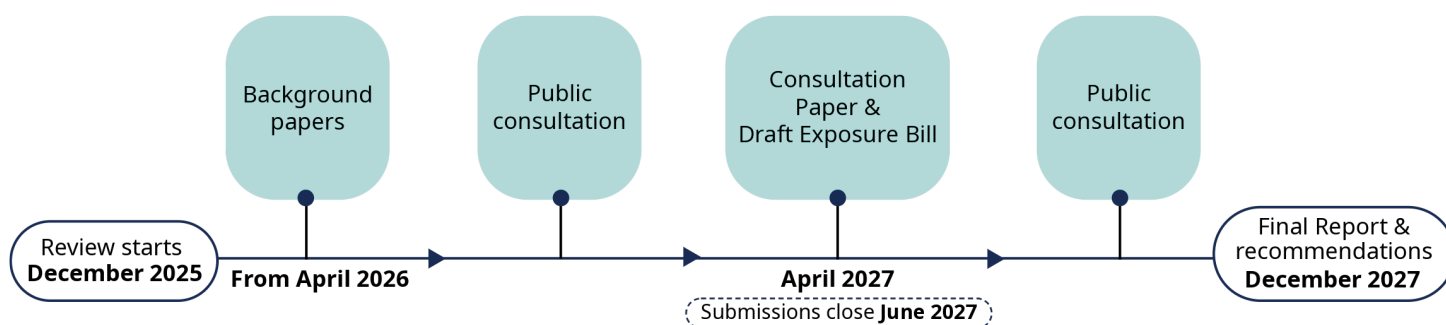
Many people who give evidence have experienced trauma or have additional support or accessibility needs.

We want to know whether Queensland evidence law effectively supports people to give evidence. This includes victims, witnesses, people charged with criminal offences and parties to civil proceedings.

Key questions

- Are people from diverse and disadvantaged communities effectively supported to give evidence?
- What barriers arise for witnesses in sexual abuse and domestic and family violence matters, including children and victims?
- Are special witness measures, such as videorecording evidence, working well?
- What challenges can arise in the lead up to trial?
- Are there issues accessing expert evidence?
- What changes are needed to ensure fair trials and just outcomes?

Timeline



We want to hear from you

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