

Submissions policy

This policy explains how the Queensland Law Reform Commission treats, and may use, submissions we receive in our law reform reviews. The policy should be read with our right to information policy, which is available [here](#).

General principles

We are committed to transparency. Where appropriate, we will make information we rely on in our reviews available to the public.

We must also protect sensitive information given to us in confidence. Members of the public and other stakeholders should have the confidence to provide sensitive information knowing that we will handle it appropriately.

We must also protect our ability to make full use of submissions to inform our deliberations.

We will comply with the Right to Information Act 2009 when we receive requests for information held by the Commission.

Public submissions

Our preference is to receive public submissions. Submissions are important evidence in our reviews. We often quote from submissions or refer to them in our publications.

We treat all submissions we receive as being in the public domain, unless the submitter clearly indicates that the submission is confidential.

Public submissions will be published on our website, subject to available resources. We will remove private addresses and contact details from submissions before they are made public.

Non-publication

We reserve the right not to publish a submission. We will not publish any submission that in our assessment:

- fails to protect personal privacy
- makes defamatory comments
- abuses, harasses or threatens others
- vilifies others
- uses obscene or offensive language
- infringes the intellectual property rights of others

- does not address issues relevant to the inquiry
- promotes commercial interests.

We will make our best effort to ensure that submissions published on our website meet the above criteria. However, if you find anything that you believe is offensive or may not be in line with these criteria, please contact us immediately and, if appropriate, we will remove that material.

[Confidential submissions](#)

We accept submissions made in confidence and these submissions will not be published on our website. Confidential submissions may include personal experiences where the submitter wishes to retain privacy, or other sensitive information such as commercial-in-confidence material. The material in confidential submissions may be referred to in our publications but only if that does not identify the submitter or others.

Any request for access to a confidential submission will be refused unless a person has formally applied for access under the Right to Information Act 2009. We will determine applications for access in accordance with that Act, which is designed to protect sensitive information given in confidence.

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We may agree to publish a submission under the title 'Name Withheld' at the request of the submitter if we determine that there is a good reason (typically for privacy reasons).

[Oral submissions](#)

Oral submissions are acknowledged on the website but are not published.