

Review of particular criminal defences Information Sessions

The Queensland Law Reform Commission is currently reviewing particular criminal defences and the mandatory life sentence imposed in cases of murder.

The criminal law is essential to maintain social order, protect individuals and promote just outcomes. Criminal defences and sentencing, particularly in cases of murder, should reflect contemporary community attitudes and respond to the lived experience of victim-survivors.

On 20 February 2025, we released a consultation paper, **Equality and integrity: Reforming criminal defences in Queensland**, which seeks feedback on 7 reform proposals and asks 21 questions on proposed reforms. This paper considers community attitudes about these defences and examines important context for any reforms including our understanding of DFV, the over-incarceration of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women as victims of crime.

We are committed to public consultation.

17 March 2025 - Cairns

Public Information Session

When: Monday 17 March

Where: Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort, Barrett Room
122 Lake Street, Cairns

Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Light refreshments included

Legal Stakeholders Roundtable

When: Monday 17 March

Where: Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort, Barrett Room
122 Lake Street, Cairns

Time: 3.00pm - 5.00pm
Light refreshments included

If you would like to discuss the review further, or arrange a private meeting, please email us at qlrc-criminaldefence@justice.qld.gov.au. We also welcome your written submissions which are due by **20 April 2025**.

