

MESSAGE

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Constitution of Queensland 2001, section 68

I, DR JEANNETTE ROSITA YOUNG AC PSM, Governor, recommend to the Legislative Assembly that an appropriation be made for the purposes of the attached amendment, to be moved by the Minister, to a Bill for an Act to amend the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012*, the *Evidence Act 1977*, the *Explosives Act 1999*, the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992*, the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*, the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008*, the *Weapons Act 1990* and the legislation mentioned in schedule 1 for particular purposes.



GOVERNOR

Date: 28th August 2025.

Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

Amendments during consideration in detail to be moved by
The Honourable the Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services
and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family
Violence

59E Amendment of s 3 (Main purpose of Act)

Section 3(1), ‘reliable, independent’—

omit, insert—

reliable

59F Replacement of pt 2, hdg and pt 2, div 1, hdg

Part 2, heading and part 2, division 1, heading—

omit, insert—

Part 2

**Office of the
Director of Forensic
Science Queensland**

Division 1

**Director of Forensic
Science Queensland**

59G Amendment of s 7 (Appointment)

Section 7(3), from ‘has—’—

omit, insert—

is appropriately qualified to perform the
functions of the director.

59H Amendment of s 10 (Vacancy in office)

Section 10(4) and (5)—

omit, insert—

- (4) The Minister may recommend the removal of the director for any reason or none.
- (5) The Minister may, for any reason or none, suspend the director for not more than 6 months by signed notice given to the director.

director's instrument of appointment.

- (2) A deputy director may be reappointed.

14C Conditions of appointment

- (1) A deputy director is to be paid the remuneration and allowances decided by the Minister.
- (2) The deputy director holds office on the terms and conditions decided by the Minister to the extent the terms and conditions are not provided for by this Act.

14D Vacancy in office

- (1) The office of a deputy director becomes vacant if the deputy director—
- (a) completes a term of office and is not reappointed; or
 - (b) resigns from office by signed notice given to the Minister; or
 - (c) is removed from office by the Minister under subsection (2).
- (2) The Minister may, for any reason or none, terminate the deputy director's appointment.
- (3) Also, the Minister may, for any reason or none, suspend the deputy director for not more than 6 months by signed notice given to the deputy director.
- (4) This section does not limit the Minister's power under the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*, section 25.

14E Deputy director must disclose insolvency

- (1) This section applies to a person who—

omit, insert—

to—

- (a) a deputy director; or
- (b) an appropriately qualified staff member of Forensic Science Queensland.

(2) Section 18—

insert—

- (2) A deputy director may subdelegate a function or power delegated to the deputy director under subsection (1) to an appropriately qualified staff member of Forensic Science Queensland.

59O Replacement of s 19 (Independence of director)

Section 19—

omit, insert—

19 Minister may give directions

- (1) The Minister may give the director a direction about a matter relevant to the performance or exercise of the director's functions or powers.
- (2) However, a direction may not be about a particular person or matter.
- (3) The director must comply with a direction given by the Minister under this section.

19A Minister may request information

- (1) The Minister may ask the director for information about a stated matter relevant to the performance or exercise of the director's functions or powers.

59T Amendment of s 23 (Establishment)

- (1) Section 23(2)—
insert—
(aa) each deputy director; and
- (2) Section 23(2)(aa) and (b)—
renumber as section 23(2)(b) and (c).

59U Amendment of s 34 (Vacancy in office)

- (1) Section 34(2), from ‘appointment if’—
omit, insert—
appointment for any reason or none.
- (2) Section 34—
insert—
- (3) This section does not limit the Minister’s power under the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*, section 25.

59V Amendment of s 40 (Confidentiality of information)

- (1) Section 40(1)—
insert—
(aa) a deputy director; or
- (2) Section 40(1)(aa) to (f)—
renumber as section 40(1)(b) to (g).

59W Insertion of new s 43A

After section 43—
insert—

entity on the ground that the principles of natural justice, including the principle of natural justice relating to bias, were not complied with in preparing the report; and

- (b) no damages or compensation are payable by any person involved in the preparation of the report, including the State, because of or in relation to—
 - (i) the drafting or preparation of the report; or
 - (ii) the disclosure of the report, or a draft of the report, to any person for the purpose of preparing or finalising the report; or
 - (iii) the publication of the report.

59X Amendment of sch 1 (Dictionary)

- (1) Schedule 1, definition *misconduct*—

omit.

- (2) Schedule 1—

insert—

deputy director means a deputy director appointed under section 14A.