

Penalties and Sentences (Sexual Offences) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

Statement of Compatibility FOR

Amendments to be moved during consideration in detail by The Honourable Meaghan Scanlon MP – Shadow Attorney-General, Shadow Minister for Justice and Shadow Minister for Housing, Homelessness and Home Ownership

Short title

The short title of the Bill is the Penalties and Sentences (Sexual Offences) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (the Bill).

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

In accordance with section 38 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, Meaghan Scanlon MP – Shadow Attorney-General and Shadow Minister for Justice and Shadow Minister for Housing, Homelessness and Home Ownership make this statement of compatibility with respect to amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Penalties and Sentences (Sexual Offences) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

In my opinion, the amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Bill are compatible with the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the amendments

The amendments seek to commence the proposed amendments to the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* upon assent, to ensure that victims and victim survivors have better protections and are better supported.

Human Rights Issues

As the amendments are consistent with the legislation introduced and tabled by the LNP Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity, after the Queensland Labor Opposition called for the reforms, the human rights matters are outlined here:

<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/pdf/bill.first.exp/bill-2025-018>

Conclusion

In my opinion, the amendments to be moved in consideration in detail to the Penalties and Sentences (Sexual Offences) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 are compatible with human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

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