

Proclamation - Corrective Services (Promoting Safety) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024

Explanatory notes for SL 2025 No. 38

made under the

Corrective Services (Promoting Safety) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024

General Outline

Short title

Proclamation commencing certain provisions of the *Corrective Services (Promoting Safety) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024*.

Authorising law

Section 2 (Commencement) of the *Corrective Services (Promoting Safety) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024* (Promoting Safety Act).

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The policy objective of the *Proclamation - Corrective Services (Promoting Safety) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024* (the proclamation) is to commence certain provisions of the Promoting Safety Act. The provisions commenced by the proclamation:

- amend the *Corrective Services Act 2006* (CS Act) to:
 - strengthen powers to respond to abuse of prisoner communication channels to protect the community from prisoners who seek to inflict harm from behind bars,
 - clarify the authority for corrective services officers to use body-worn cameras while in the community to promote the safety of frontline corrective services officers,
 - amend section 173A of the CS Act to clarify the limits of the chief executive's authorisation to use a prescribed surveillance device at a corrective services facility,
 - confirm arrangements for corrective services officers supporting proper officers of courts, and
- amend the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2004* and the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* to enable the use of certain police powers for reportable child sex offenders being supervised under the *Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003* to strengthen community safety.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective is achieved by fixing 2 June 2025 as the commencement date for the specified provisions of the Promoting Safety Act.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The proclamation is consistent with the policy objectives of the Promoting Safety Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

No inconsistencies with the policy objectives of other legislation have been identified.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

There are no alternative means of achieving the policy objective.

Benefits and costs of implementation

Commencing the specified provisions of the Promoting Safety Act will amend the CS Act and other legislation to promote the safety of victims of crime, frontline corrective services officers, offenders, and the broader community.

Any costs associated with the implementation of the proclamation will be met within existing resources.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The proclamation does not engage any fundamental legislative principles not addressed in the Explanatory Notes to the Promoting Safety Act.

Consultation

In accordance with the *Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy*, the proclamation is determined to be a proposal relating to police powers and administration, general criminal laws, the administration of courts and tribunals and corrective services, and does not require further impact analysis.

No public consultation was conducted as the amendments are minor and technical in nature.