

Proclamation – Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025

Explanatory notes for SL 2025 No. 78

made under the

Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025

General Outline

Short title

Proclamation commencing Part 3 of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025*.

Authorising law

Section 2 of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025*.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the Proclamation is to commence Part 3 of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025* on 18 July 2025.

The provisions commenced by the Proclamation will:

- make Jack's Law permanent by removing the sunset clause that schedules its expiry on 30 October 2026;
- allow a police officer to use a hand held scanner in a relevant place without the need to obtain an authority to do so from a senior police officer;
- expand the application of Jack's Law to include public places, that are not relevant places, by allowing police officers to use a hand held scanner in these areas provided they first obtain authority to do so from a senior police officer; and
- improve policing efficiencies by streamlining the legislative framework underlying Jack's Law.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective is achieved by fixing a commencement date of 18 July 2025 for Part 3 of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025*.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Proclamation is consistent with the *Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025* and does not represent a change in policy.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Proclamation is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

There are no alternative means to achieve the policy objectives.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The Proclamation to commence Part 3 of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025* will enhance community safety and security through the expansion of 'Jack's Law' which proactively prevents knife-related crime by authorising police officers to use a hand held scanner to detect knives or other weapons in certain places.

As noted in the Explanatory Notes for the Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025, costs arising from the implementation of the Bill will be met through existing budget allocations, subject to normal budget processes.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Proclamation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Extensive consultation was undertaken with affected stakeholders during the development of the *Police Powers and Responsibilities (Making Jack's Law Permanent) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025*. No consultation on the Proclamation was undertaken given it is machinery in nature.

An Impact Analysis Statement has been completed that identifies that the Proclamation is not subject to regulatory impact assessment requirements under the *Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy* as it is a regulatory proposal that is machinery in nature.