1. The Legal Affairs and Safety Committee (the Committee) tabled its Report No. 38: *Examination of the Working with Children (Indigenous Communities) Amendment Bill 2021* (LASC Report No. 38) on 31 October 2022.
2. The Working with Children (Indigenous Communities) Amendment Bill 2021 (Private Member’s Bill) proposes amendments to the *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000* to enable a statutory Community Justice Group (CJG) to make a binding recommendation to the chief executive to issue a restricted working with children (restricted clearance) to an applicant who, under the existing framework, would have been issued a negative notice. A restricted clearance would allow a person to be employed in child-related employment, or to carry on a child-related business, in a defined community area.
3. Recommendation 1 of the LASC Report No. 38 was that the Private Member’s Bill not be passed. The Committee identified that the framework proposed by the Private Member’s Bill runs contrary to the recommendations of both the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the Queensland Family and Child Commission by:
* introducing a conditional blue card that is limited to a certain community area; and
* placing weight on situational factors as part of the decision-making process.
1. The Committee made six other recommendations (recommendations 2 to 7) directed to Government. The Government response to LASC Report No.38 supports all of these recommendations.
2. Cabinet approved the Government response to Legal Affairs and Safety Committee Report No. 38.
3. *Attachments*:
* [Working with Children (Indigenous Communities) Amendment Bill 2021](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Feb/LASCReport38/Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes – Private Member’s Bill](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Feb/LASCReport38/Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)
* [Statement of Compatibility – Private Member’s Bill](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Feb/LASCReport38/Attachments/SoC.pdf)
* [Legal Affairs and Safety Committee (LASC) Report No. 38](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Feb/LASCReport38/Attachments/Report.pdf)
* [Queensland Government response to LASC Report No. 38](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Feb/LASCReport38/Attachments/Response.PDF)