1. The Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (the Bill) seeks to ensure the legislative framework which underpins the child protection registry scheme remains contemporary, accounts for changes in offending patterns and is continually improved to enhance its ability to protect the lives and sexual safety of children.
2. The Bill amends the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2004* (CPOROPO Act) and the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* (PPRA) to:
* require a reportable offender to report the use or possession of anonymising software;
* require reportable offenders to report the possession of vault and black hole applications on digital devices and the media access control address for every vehicle owned or regularly driven and for every digital device in the offender’s possession;
* prescribe new offences that, if committed using an electronic communication network or digital device, automatically subject a reportable offender to digital device inspections by police upon conviction;
* introduce a new indictable offence for failing to comply with a requirement to produce a digital device for a device inspection with a maximum penalty of 300 penalty units or five years imprisonment;
* streamline information sharing about reportable offenders between the Queensland Police Service and relevant Commonwealth agencies for law enforcement purposes;
* require reportable offenders who have been convicted of failing to comply with their reporting obligations to report those details to police within seven days;
* protect the contact information of children with whom a reportable offender has had reportable contact by excluding these details from information provided to a reportable offender in response to a request for a copy of information held about them on the child protection register;
* enable Queensland Corrective Services to collect updated residential information from reportable offenders prior to their release from custody (if not on parole) and provide to police to facilitate their monitoring post-release;
* facilitate increased reporting requirements in relation to the whereabouts of particular reportable offenders where the Commissioner is satisfied the offender poses an elevated risk to children; and
* make other amendments to enhance the ability for police to monitor reportable offenders and provide for the protection of the lives and sexual safety of children.
1. The Bill also amends the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) Regulation 2015* to support the amendments to the CPOROPO Act and the PPRA.
2. Cabinet approved that the Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
3. Cabinet noted that the Bill be referred to an appropriate Parliamentary Portfolio Committee for consideration.
4. *Attachments*
* [Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)
* [Statement of Compatibility with the *Human Rights Act 2019*](Attachments/SoC.pdf)