TERMS OF REFERENCE

QUEENSLAND SENTENCING ADVISORY COUNCIL

LEGISLATIVE MODELS TO INCREASE SENTENCING SEVERITY

I, Deb Frecklington, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity, refer to the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council, pursuant to section 199(1) of the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992*, a review of legislative models that may be adopted in Queensland, having regard to the government's victim-focused approach to criminal justice, to ensure adult offenders are held more accountable for their offending.

Scope

Legislative models to increase sentencing severity

In undertaking this reference, the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council will:

- **identify and examine** legislative models designed to increase sentencing severity for adult offenders in other Australian states and territories and relevant common law jurisdictions;
- **advise** on the reported impacts of the identified models, including:
    - impacts on sentencing outcomes and practices;
    - impacts on victim satisfaction with the sentencing process; and
    - any reported unintended consequences and challenges or risks resulting from implementation of the identified models.

Consultation

In undertaking this reference, the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council will consult with key stakeholders including the judiciary, legal stakeholders, victims of crime and relevant organisations and groups that work with or represent victims of crime, key First Nations community representatives and organisations, and relevant government departments and agencies such as the Queensland Police Service, Queensland Corrective Services, and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Timeframes

The Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council is to provide to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity a report on its examination of legislative models to increase sentencing severity by the 30 November 2027.

Dated the 4TH day of November 2026

DEB FRECKLINGTON MP
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
Minister for Integrity