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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your correspondence of 21 August 2024 regarding Petition 4085-24 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 20 August 2024.

I note that the petitioners requested that the consultation period for the Bill be extended to three months. I trust that the petitioners will be pleased to hear that, as noted in the Report of the Community Safety and Legal Affairs Committee, the time period for consultation was in fact extended to 2 August 2024, ensuring a full consultation period of three months.

Moreover, when the Bill was debated in September 2024, a number of amendments were made following stakeholder feedback. These amendments clarified the removal of online content scheme by providing an explicit exemption for material published by journalists and updating definitions to remove reference to the Commonwealth scheme. Additionally, amendments were made to the Bill to clarify that non recorded convictions are not captured under the mandatory exclusionary period in relation to weapons licensing decision making and will continue to be considered and assessed under sections 10B(1) and 10C(1) of the *Weapons Act 1990*.

I take this opportunity to thank those people who made submissions to the Committee about the Bill.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Ryan".

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP  
**Minister for Police and Community Safety**