1. On 1 July 2022, the Women’s Safety and Justice Taskforce released its second report, *Hear Her Voice – Report 2 – Women and girls’ experience in the criminal justice system* (Taskforce Report Two), which included several recommendations including the establishment of a victims’ commissioner and sexual violence case review board in Queensland.
2. On 21 November 2022, the Queensland Government response to Taskforce Report Two indicated:
* In response to recommendation 18 - The Queensland Government will work with relevant stakeholders to establish a victims’ commissioner to promote and protect the needs of victims and determine the most appropriate model for Queensland; and
* In response to recommendation 46 – The Queensland Government supports the intent of creating an independent sexual violence case review board and will consider the best way to give effect to this recommendation.
1. On 21 November 2022, the Independent Commission of Inquiry into Queensland Police Service responses to domestic and family violence also publicly released its report, *A Call for Change*, which included a recommendation supporting the establishment of a victims’ commissioner in Queensland.
2. On 19 May 2023, the Parliamentary Legal Affairs and Safety Committee tabled *Report No. 48, 57th Parliament – Inquiry into support for victims of crime* in the Legislative Assembly. The Report advised of the Committee’s support for the establishment of a victims’ commissioner in Queensland.
3. The Victims’ Commissioner and Sexual Violence Review Board Bill 2024 seeks to implement these recommendations by providing a legislative framework to establish:
* the Victims’ Commissioner to promote and protect victims’ rights; and
* the Sexual Violence Review Board to identify and review systemic issues relating to the reporting, investigation and prosecution of sexual offences.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Victims’ Commissioner and Sexual Violence Review Board Bill 2024 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Victims’ Commissioner and Sexual Violence Review Board Bill 2024](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2024/Feb/BCSVRBBill/Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2024/Feb/BCSVRBBill/Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Statement of Combability with Human Rights](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2024/Feb/BCSVRBBill/Attachments/SoC.PDF)