

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Queensland Health
Name of the proposal	Amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2025
Submission type (Summary IAS / Consultation IAS / Decision IAS)	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	Medicines and Poisons Act 2019
Date of issue	September 2025

Proposal type	Details
	The amendments to the <i>Medicines and Poisons Act 2019</i> will be moved during consideration in detail of the Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2025 (Bill).
	The amendments will give effect to the Government's policy position that there is no safe way to take drugs and that drug checking services may send the wrong message to Queenslanders by:
Proposal is exempted from RIA by Cabinet	 preventing the chief executive of Queensland Health from granting or renewing a substance authority if the activity being regulated under the authority is for the purposes of drug checking;
	 discontinuing current substance authorities issued for the purpose of drug checking; and
	 clarifying that compensation is not payable, and any fees paid are not refundable, in relation to the above.
	Cabinet has exempted this proposal from the regulatory impact assessment requirements under the <i>Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy</i> on the basis of urgency to implement government policy.

Signed

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Date: 11/09/2025

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Date: 10/09/2025