

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

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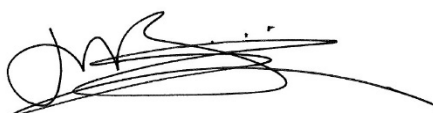
Lead department	Department of Justice
Name of the proposal	Defamation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 – Amendments to the <i>Defamation Act 2005</i> to incorporate the <i>Model Defamation Amendment (Digital Intermediaries) Provisions 2023</i> and the <i>Model Defamation Amendment (Absolute Privilege) Provisions 2023</i> .
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	Defamation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
Date of issue	October 2025

Proposal type	Details
Cabinet exemptions	This proposal was exempted from further regulatory impact analysis due to exceptional circumstances. The relevant exceptional circumstances are: - that further consultation is not necessary or appropriate given the regulatory proposal is to adopt amendments to the model defamation provisions (MDPs) which have already been agreed to by the Standing Council of Attorneys-General (SCAG) and this is necessary to fulfil Queensland's obligations under SCAG's agreement of 22 September 2023 (and the Intergovernmental Agreement which underpins the MDPs) and promote uniformity of defamation law with other Australian jurisdictions; and - the amendments to the MDPs – the <i>Model Defamation Amendment (Digital Intermediary) Provisions 2023</i> and the <i>Model Defamation Amendment (Absolute Privilege) Provisions 2023</i> – are the result of a national review process which included extensive public consultation and the national Defamation Working Party's detailed consideration and assessment of the impact of the reforms on key stakeholders; including the courts, plaintiffs, media organisations, digital intermediaries and the legal profession.

Signed



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