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Dear Mr Yusuf

Identification Laws Amendment Bill 2013

The Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee (Committee) is a committee of the Legislative Assembly. The Committee has responsibilities in the portfolio areas of Attorney-General and Justice, Police and Community Safety.

Part of the Committee's role is to examine Bills introduced into the Parliament and referred to the Committee.

On 8 August 2013 the Member for Nicklin, Mr Wellington MP, introduced the Identification Laws Amendment Bill 2013 into the Queensland Parliament and referred the Bill to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee for consideration.

The Committee is required to report to the House by **Monday, 10 February 2014**.

Objectives and reasons for the Bill

The objective of the Bill is to amend a number of Acts to ensure in each case that, where officers or other persons in a position of responsibility (such as lawyers, Justices of the Peace or Commissioners for Declarations) have a responsibility or need to check the identity of a person, they can insist that the person removes any face coverings that may hamper the recognition of the person.

The Acts be amended by the Bill include:

- *Correct Services Act 2006*;
- *Oaths Acts 1867*;
- *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*;
- *State Buildings Protective Security Act 1983*; and
- *Youth Justice Act 1992*.

Call for Submissions

The Committee is seeking submissions from the public and identified stakeholders and invites you to make a written submission.

An information sheet which provides guidelines on making a submission can be found at: www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/committees/guidelines/Guide_MakingASubmission_WebVersion.pdf.

We would appreciate you passing our call for submissions on to anyone you believe might be interested in this issue.

Written submissions should be emailed to lacsc@parliament.qld.gov.au or sent to:

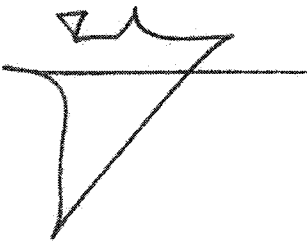
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The closing date for submissions has been set at **Friday, 25 October 2013**.

The Bill, Explanatory Notes, and Hansard transcript of the Explanatory Speech are available from the Committee's website at: <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees>.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact the Committee Secretariat on (07) 3406 7307. Further information about the Committee and its work is available at www.parliament.qld.gov.au/lacsc.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ian Berry', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract.

Ian Berry MP

Chair