

# Impact Analysis Statement

## Summary IAS

### Details

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| <b>Lead department</b>   | Queensland Health                                  |
| <b>Name of the proposal</b>  | Modification of DNA destruction requirements       |
| <b>Submission type</b><br>( <i>Summary IAS / Consultation IAS / Decision IAS</i> ) | Summary IAS  |
| <b>Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument</b>                       | <i>Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000</i> |
| <b>Date of issue</b>   | December 2023                                      |

### ***For proposals noted in table below***

Complete and delete rows where applicable. No further analysis is required.

| <b>Proposal type</b>                                 | <b>Details</b>  |
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| <b>Regulatory proposals where no RIA is required</b> | <p>Forensic Science Queensland is currently experiencing significant delays in DNA testing. The amendments to the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act, moved during consideration in detail of the Victims of Crime Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023, allow DNA material of a person suspected of committing an indictable offence to be held for three years if a proceeding for an indictable offence has not commenced, instead of one year. The objective is to ensure that DNA material does not have to be destroyed before it can be used to inform investigations or prosecutions.</p> <p>The amendments also allow certain historical records that were held in contravention of the PPRA to be retained for a further three years to assist the historical case reviews recommended by the Commissions of Inquiry into DNA testing in Queensland.</p> <p>Queensland Health has assessed the amendments and notes that the amendments relate to police powers and administration. No further regulatory impact analysis is required under the Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy.</p> |



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## Signed

[Signed by Michael Walsh]

Michael Walsh  
Acting Director-General  
Queensland Health

Date: 7 December 2023

[Signed by the Honourable Shannon Fentiman MP]

The Honourable Shannon Fentiman MP  
Minister for Health, Mental Health and  
Ambulance Services and Minister for Women

Date: 8 December 2023