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Mr Peter Cain
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Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety
Via email: scrutiny@parliament.act.gov.au

Dear Mr Cain

I write to provide a response to comments from the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety, contained in *Scrutiny Report 26* relating to the *Work Health and Safety Amendment Bill 2022*.

The Committee has requested further information on why it is considered necessary for the Bill to commence prior to its enactment.

I refer the Committee to my response provided on 23 February 2023 in relation to *Scrutiny Report 23*, which addresses comments made on the commencement of the Bill.

I also take this opportunity to reiterate that the date chosen for commencement is not earlier than when the Bill and its provisions became publicly known. The commencement date was deliberately designed to ensure a timely response by Government to confirm, albeit clarifying in nature, that WHS laws have and will continue to apply to all Canberra workers and all Canberra workplaces, including the ACT Legislative Assembly.

Thank you for your continuing interest in this Bill.

Yours sincerely



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