



## Media release

### New inquiry into Bail Amendment Bill 2026

The Standing Committee on Legal Affairs has announced it will be undertaking an inquiry into the Bail Amendment Bill 2026.

The bill amends the *Bail Act 1992* to clarify and codify the matters that decision makers must take into account when making a decision on bail.

The Chair, Ms Chiaka Barry MLA, said, 'This is a significant bill, which will require decision-makers to consider specific factors in relation to accused persons who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, people with a disability or health condition, children, and pregnant people. It will also require decision-makers to explicitly consider victims' concerns and needs. The Committee looks forward to hearing from stakeholders on the provisions proposed in the bill.'

The bill forms the Terms of Reference for the inquiry, and the inquiry webpage can be found here: <https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/parliamentary-business/in-committees/committees-11th-assembly/legal-affairs/bail-amendment-bill-2026>

Information about how to make a submission is available on the [Assembly website](#).

Submissions close on 12 June 2026, and the Committee anticipates holding public hearings in the week of 15 June 2026.

The Committee will report by 5 August 2026.

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