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Dear Mr Cain

I am writing in response to comments made by the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs (Legislative Scrutiny Role) in Scrutiny Report 5 about the Gaming Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (the Bill).

I thank the Committee for its consideration of the amendments in this Bill. I provide the following response in relation to the Committee's comments on the amendments to section 37 (d) (ii) of the *Gambling and Racing Control Act 1999*.

As per the Committee's recommendation, I intend to present to the Legislative Assembly a revised Explanatory Statement expanding the human rights analysis for the amendments to section 37 (d) (see attached).

I do not intend to amend the Bill to explicitly require that personal information be de-identified. The government expects that in some cases de-identified information will not achieve the purpose of the disclosure provision. That is, disclosure is authorised where necessary for the purpose of advising or assisting an administrative unit, the Minister or any other Minister on policy matters or the operation of a gaming law. Direct or indirect identification of individuals may on occasions be required to serve the legitimate purpose of advising the government on policy matters or the

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operation of a gaming law. However, the amended provision is self-limiting because the disclosure of personal information would only be authorised if necessary for this purpose.

Additionally, there are further privacy safeguards that apply to officers who share and receive information under the Gambling and Racing Control Act, alongside protection of personal information under the *Information Privacy Act 2014*. These safeguards involve criminal sanctions for unlawful disclosure. These existing frameworks provide robust safeguards for the right to privacy, and therefore the Bill has not been further amended.

I trust this information adequately addresses the Committee's comments.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Paterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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