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Dear Mr Markus

Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability – submissions in response to Public Hearing 18

I refer to the Royal Commission's correspondence dated 14 December 2021, enclosing a copy of Counsel Assisting's submissions regarding Public Hearing 18 held on 8 and 9 November 2021.

In accordance with the Chair's direction dated 9 November 2021, any submissions in response must be provided by 1 February 2022.

While the State of Queensland is a human rights jurisdiction, the state was not a focus jurisdiction for the purpose of Public Hearing 18. This is reflected at paragraph [315] of Counsel Assisting's submissions. With that in mind, the state does not propose to make any specific submissions in response.

However, noting the proposed findings at paragraphs [285]-[287] of Counsel Assisting's submissions (and noting the proposed findings relate primarily to the Commonwealth Government), the state submits that future recommendations of the Royal Commission, particularly those requiring legislative amendments at the state and territory level, will require careful consideration and analysis by relevant government agencies before a commitment to implement could be provided.

Accordingly, the State of Queensland would welcome the opportunity for further consultation, particularly with respect to the practicability of implementation and associated timeframes, prior to the Royal Commission finalising its proposed findings and recommendations, to ensure a balanced and comprehensive consideration of these issues.

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Yours sincerely

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