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Dear Mr Gates

Human Rights Advisory Panel - call for expressions of Interest

The Queensland Parliament is seeking to appoint a small number of additional legal advisers to its current human rights advisory panel. Panel members provide expert advice in areas of human rights law to assist the portfolio committees of the Parliament in their consideration of:

- the compatibility of legislation (predominately Bills, but also subordinate legislation on occasion) with the human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019*
- whether limits on human rights in legislation are reasonable and justifiable
- statements of compatibility accompanying Bills and human rights certificates accompanying subordinate legislation
- Supreme Court declarations of incompatibility referred to a committee by the House
- non-Queensland laws, referred by the House, to determine the compatibility of those laws with human rights set out in the Act.

Appointment will be under contract as required. It is anticipated that the successful appointees will have demonstrated expertise in human rights law broadly or specialised knowledge in particular areas of human rights law.

Panel members will be required to provide written briefings (and on occasion verbal briefings) to committees and will be required to be available for briefing committees on Mondays of parliamentary sitting weeks from 9am to 12 noon (approximately 12 weeks per year). The initial appointment will be from March 2022 until the end of the current Parliament in October 2024.

We are seeking expressions of interest for membership of the human rights advisory panel from your members or staff. Interested persons are invited to forward a brief current resume outlining their qualifications and relevant expertise and experience to tss@parliament.qld.gov.au by **Friday 11 March 2022**. Applicants are also requested to nominate a rate per hour, exclusive of GST, for their written advice and verbal briefings.

Your assistance in bringing this request to the attention of your members, staff or colleagues as appropriate is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament