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Dear Mr King

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed changes contained in the Transport Legislation (Road Safety and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2022.

These comments are limited to the proposed amendment of section 142 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*.

AMA Queensland supports the proposed change to Section 142 (Health professional's disclosure not breach of confidence) extending the existing protections for doctors, which cover notifications about holders of a Queensland driver licence, to notifications relating to holders of a non-Queensland driver licence.

This move appears a sensible improvement to the current legislation to ensure protection from civil liability for defamation or breach of confidence for health professionals who notify the Department of Transport and Main Roads that a licence holder is not medically fit to drive, irrespective of the issuing jurisdiction of the individual's driver licence.

AMA Queensland commends the Department of Transport and Main Roads for acting on this issue.

Yours sincerely

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