



Australian Government

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Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
report:

Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2024
[Provisions]

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Introduction

The Australian Government thanks the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (the Committee) for its report, *Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2024 [Provisions]*, tabled on 14 March 2025. The Government would like to acknowledge the contributions that organisations made in preparing written submissions to the Committee's inquiry.

The Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2024 lapsed in the Senate on 28 March 2025.

The Bill sought to enhance protections for Commonwealth workers who face increasing acts of aggression and violence from the public when performing their work delivering essential Government services. The Bill would respond to Recommendation 17 of the Services Australia Security Risk Management Review conducted by Mr Graham Ashton APM.

The Government will take into consideration the Committee's report and contributions from organisations in their written submissions to the Committee's inquiry should the Bill be re-introduced to the Parliament.

The Government is pleased to provide the following response to the Committee's recommendations.

Committee's Recommendations

Recommendation 1:

The committee recommends that the Explanatory Memorandum be amended to clarify that a person's status as a Commonwealth worker does not depend on whether that person is easily identified as a Commonwealth worker.

The Government **agrees** to this recommendation.

Should the Bill be re-introduced to Parliament, the Committee's comments in relation to the content of the Explanatory Memorandum will be addressed.

Recommendation 2:

Subject to the preceding recommendation, the committee recommends that the Senate pass the bill.

The Government **supports** this recommendation.