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**Environmental Protection (Efficiency and Streamlining) and
Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025**

Dear Minister

I am writing on behalf of the Committee for Brisbane to offer our congratulations on the introduction of the Environmental Protection (Efficiency and Streamlining) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

As you are aware, the Committee for Brisbane is a member-based, independent, cross-sector organisation representing many of the businesses, organisations, and individuals who live, work, and play in Greater Brisbane. From universities and creative industries to professional services, schools, architects, and community groups, our members share a collective vision: making Greater Brisbane the world's most liveable city.

We advocate for outcomes that serve both Brisbane and the broader needs of our city-region- creating distinctive precincts, walkable communities, diverse housing choices, and vibrant economic opportunities.

You may also be aware that the Committee for Brisbane has recently taken important steps toward identifying further opportunities to activate the Brisbane River, building on its critical role as the city's most valuable natural asset.

As I am sure you can appreciate, activation of the Brisbane River has long been a source of frustration for many existing and potential users, with multiple layers of authority, onerous approvals and conflicting requirements often driving away new investments in tourism and recreational activities.

To this end, we would like to enquire about the potential application of the Bill's streamlining mechanisms to key Brisbane River-related approvals. Specifically, we are interested in exploring:

- The inclusion of Brisbane River-related tenure and activity approvals to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden on river-based tourism operators, including guided kayaking, water taxis, and similar enterprises.
- Streamlined pathways for activation projects that currently require multiple approvals, such as riverbed works, pontoon installations, and riparian repairs.
- Opportunities to better link these approvals with related planning processes, including areas such as the Priority Development Area (PPDA) at Montague Road, South Brisbane, and other riverfront projects such as the former Visy precinct.

We believe these measures would significantly enhance the feasibility and timely delivery of high-value river activation projects that deliver economic, social, and environmental benefits to Brisbane and our Brisbane city-region.

Should you or your office wish to discuss this or any of the Committee for Brisbane's work further, please do not hesitate to contact me at jen@committeeforbrisbane.org.au or 0448 432 936.

Thank you once again for your leadership on this important reform.

Yours sincerely



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