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Research Director
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Submitted via email: lacsc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Queensland business community, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (CCIQ) would like to thank the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee for the opportunity to provide feedback on the *G20 (Safety and Security) Bill 2013* at the Parliamentary Committee hearing held on the 26th September 2013.

CCIQ would like to provide some additional information regarding the implementation of a public holiday in the Brisbane Local Government Area on the 14th November 2014 for the G20 Summit. CCIQ has assessed the approach adopted in Western Australia during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in 2011. Here, the Australian and Western Australian governments worked together to minimise the impact on normal city operations. As a result, the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday was changed from Monday 3rd October to Friday 28th October to minimise disruption. Therefore, if in the event that the public holiday catchment of the Brisbane Local Government Area cannot be reduced to the cordoned security zone, CCIQ suggests a similar approach be considered.

As articulated during the hearing CCIQ has analysed Brisbane business numbers using ABS Australian business count data (see attached). The imposition of an additional public holiday for the G20 summit will affect a total of 43, 542 businesses in the Brisbane Local Government Area. Of those, 7 086 businesses operate within the restricted zone stipulated in the proposed Bill. Accordingly, 36, 456 businesses outside of the restricted zone will be unnecessarily impacted by the Bill.

CCIQ looks forward to continuing to work with the State Government and the Committee to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for Queensland businesses, our economy and the community. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence please contact Policy Advisor Julia Mylne on (07) 3842 2253 or email jmylne@cciq.com.au.

Yours Sincerely,



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