

Locking in Cost of Living Support (50 Cent Fares Forever) Amendment Bill 2025

Statement of Compatibility

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

In accordance with section 38 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, Steven Miles MP, Leader of the Opposition make this statement of compatibility with respect to the *Locking in Cost of Living Support (50 Cent Fares Forever) Amendment Bill 2025*.

In my opinion, the Bill is compatible with the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the amendments

The purpose of the Bill is to legislate the maximum fare value at 50 cents, ensuring the fare value as set by the chief executive or as prescribed under a regulation cannot exceed 50 cents.

Human Rights Issues

Human rights relevant to the Bill (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

In my opinion, the right to freedom of movement (section 19) is relevant to this Bill.

Public transport is essential for many Queenslanders to move freely around the state. Expensive fares can act as a barrier, restricting access to jobs, education, healthcare and social activities, especially for those without access to private transport.

In my opinion, there are no human rights limited by the Bill.

Conclusion

In my opinion, the Bill is compatible with human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit a human right.

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LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION