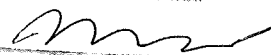


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Statement of compatibility with human rights

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Health Practitioner Regulation (National Uniform Legislation) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

This bill is compatible with the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011* (Cth).

Overview of the bill

The purpose of this Bill is to make consequential amendments to Northern Territory legislation arising from enactment of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Regulation and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2017* (QLD). The consequential amendments, among other things, deal with provisions to end, shorten and amend prohibition orders made under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law NT*; definitions related to the nursing, midwifery and paramedicine professions; and authorisations granted to paramedics under the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act* and the *Mental Health and Related Services Act*.

Human rights implications

This Bill engages applicable rights or freedoms, but places no additional limits on those rights and freedoms over and above what the relevant legislation does currently. Specifically, the amendments will permit a midwife to take blood and medical samples and conduct interim medical assessments of detainees in a youth detention centre. Such examinations are currently undertaken by registered nurses and medical practitioners. It is expected that these amendments will benefit youth detainees who may be pregnant. The Bill has been assessed as engaging the following rights:

- i. Right to life
- ii. Privacy and reputation
- iii. Right to humane detention
- iv. Prohibition on torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Conclusion

This bill is compatible with human rights as it does not raise any human rights issues.