

# ADD A LINE TO THE QP-9

## Contextual Background

### ADULT RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CONFERENCE (ARJC)

- The ARJC process produces results.
  - 98% of conferences are resolved and 98% of resolutions are completed.
- The use of ARJC has declined in recent years. Our challenge was to get stakeholders to consider the ARJC as a viable diversionary option.
- Criminal matters can be referred to ARJC at any stage in the criminal justice process. Matters can be referred by police, prosecutor, the Court or corrective services.

### OUR PROPOSAL

- We propose a checklist on the QP-9 form, a document prepared by the Police Prosecutions unit when an offender is being charged.
- The checklist will present the objective selection criteria for the ARJC program that can act as a starting point for considering a referral.
- The checklist is designed to elicit a conversation between potential ARJC candidates and potential referrers.

### BENEFITS

- **SIMPLE**
  - Quick and easy, plain language, familiar context.
- **SALIENT**
  - Presents ARJC criteria, primary form of information, provides information to offenders.
- **SYSTEMATIC**
  - Multiple touchpoints along the judicial existing judicial process maximises the chances for consideration of diversion.

### EVALUATION

- Measured based on referral rates
- Potential for a randomised pilot
- Clear scope for scalability

### FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- Data acquired from the QP9 checklist can be used to further develop ARJC and other diversion programs.
- Questions can be used for other non-diversion purposes, including preventing recidivism.
- Brings transparency to the ARJC selection criteria.



**Queensland Police Service  
Court Brief (General)**

Station/Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_ Case file ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Station code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occurrence no: \_\_\_\_\_ QP: \_\_\_\_\_

FTA: Warrant issued: PRA: Bail Act \_\_\_\_\_ Defendant 1  
 Prosecutor: \_\_\_\_\_ Family name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Given name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Person ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Court: \_\_\_\_\_ Magistrates Court  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Proceedings: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Prosecutor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Defence: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Magistrates: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Remands: \_\_\_\_\_

Magistrate: \_\_\_\_\_

QP9: Supplied to defendant/legal rep. Date / / Legal rep name: \_\_\_\_\_

Charges	Short title	Offence date	Offence address
BCS #			
<b>Result:</b>	Date finalised:	Conviction record: Yes / No	One Penalty s49PSS Act
	Fined: \$	In default _____ refer to SPER	
	Driver licence disqualified from:	Days imprisonment:	days/months TTP
	Period:		
<b>Property:</b> Court order	Forfeited to crown		
	Returned to owner	Other:	

YES  NO  
 YES  NO  
 YES  NO  
 YES  NO  
 YES  NO  
 YES  NO

1. Does the offender have a history of related offences?  
 2. Is the offender in breach of any Order at this time? (e.g. Domestic Violence Order or Probation)?  
 3. Does the offence arise out of conduct about which an application for a domestic violence/protection order is based or has been made, or as the result of any breach of such Order?  
 4. Is the offender in breach of any release conditions (e.g. Bail conditions)?  
 5. Are there any orders or conditions (e.g. Bail conditions) preventing contact between the parties?

**Action officer and police witness availability:**

Role	Rank	Initials	Family Name	Reg no.	Unavailability
Action officer, Reporting officer					
Assisting officer, corroborating officer					

# WHAT IS ARJG?

## ADULT RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CONFERCING

It provides an opportunity for you to take responsibility for your actions and take steps towards repairing that harm

### WHAT'S THE POINT?

The conference provides a safe environment for the person who caused the harm and those affected by it to talk about:

- what happened
- what needs to be done to make things right.

### WHAT DO I GET OUT OF IT?

Agreements reached between victims and offenders in restorative justice conferences are recorded in writing. If the offender does everything they have said they'll do, the outcome may be taken into account by police or the Courts in deciding how to deal with the matter.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

You might agree to take steps to repair the harm caused by the offence, including:

- writing a letter of apology
- return stolen property
- provide restitution for losses, such as damage to property, or medical expenses
- provide compensation in recognition of the harm caused

## CHAT TO YOUR LAWYER