1. The *Legislative Standards Act 1992* sets out the “fundamental legislative principles” (FLPs) relating to legislation that underlie a parliamentary democracy based on the rule of law. The Legislative Standards Act establishes the meaning of FLPs by requiring that legislation has sufficient regard to the rights and liberties of individuals and to the institution of Parliament, with a non-exhaustive list of examples of FLPs set out in the Act.
2. In November 2010, the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee commenced a *Review of the Meaning of Fundamental Legislative Principles* and invited submissions by 29 April 2011, with a view to reporting to the Legislative Assembly by October 2011.
3. The Government submission to the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee provides factual background to the consideration of FLPs in the legislative development process, particularly the statutory role of the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel in advising Government, Ministers and other Members of Parliament about FLP issues.
4. The submission also expresses support for the general framework of the Legislative Standards Act as currently drafted, in that it sets high level principles with which legislation must accord followed by a non-exhaustive list of examples.
5. Cabinet approved the Government’s submission to the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee’s *Review of the Meaning of Fundamental Legislative Principles*.
6. *Attachments*
* [Government submission to the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee’s *Review of the Meaning of Fundamental Legislative Principles*](Attachments/Submission%20to%20review.pdf)