1. The Queensland Mental Health Commission (QMHC) will be established as an independent statutory body by the *Queensland Mental Health Commission Act 2013* .
2. The QMHC will provide strategic leadership for systemic reform and development to improve the services for Queenslander’s living with, or vulnerable to mental illness or substance misuse issues. This will be achieved through actions aimed at systemic advocacy and reform, and influencing a whole-of-government policy and program focus for enhanced treatment, support, social and economic inclusion across the lifespan.
3. The QMHC will also drive research and innovation, and promote the mental health and well being of all Queenslanders.
4. Section 15 of the Act provides that the QMHC is headed by a Commissioner appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister for Health.
5. The Commissioner will manage the QMHC in a way that ensures the QMHC performs its functions under the Act effectively and efficiently. The Commissioner will make recommendations to the Minister about any matter that relates to the performance or exercise of the Commissioner’s or QMHC’s functions or powers and may help the Minister in the proper administration of the Act.
6. The Commissioner’s functions also include any other function given to the Commissioner under this Act or another Act. The Commissioner may exercise the powers of the QMHC and any other powers given to the Commissioner under this Act or another Act.
7. Cabinet endorsed that Dr Lesley van Schoubroeck be recommended for appointment as Commissioner of the Queensland Mental Health Commission for a term of three years commencing on the date of Governor in Council approval.
8. *Attachments*
* Nil.