1. The Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence (the Taskforce) in its final report, *Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland* (the Taskforce Report) made 140 recommendations, including specific changes to the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012* (DFVP Act).
2. The Queensland Government response accepted these recommendations and identified the commencement of the review of the DFVP Act and the introduction of amendments as a priority action.
3. The Domestic and Family Violence Protection Amendment Bill 2015 makes specific amendments to the DFVP Act that were recommended by the Taskforce in the Taskforce Report, including:
* requiring a court, if aware of cross applications, to hear the applications together unless it is necessary to deal with the applications separately, in the interests of the safety, protection or wellbeing of an aggrieved;
* requiring a court to consider the imposition of an ouster condition to remove a perpetrator from the home in relation to each order, taking into account the aggrieved person’s wishes;
* include a new principle to recognise the rights of an aggrieved to express their views and wishes and have them considered;
* technical changes to the DFVP Act to resolve anomalies and address operational issues; and
* authorise a police officer to use body-worn cameras in the performance of their duty under the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Another Act Amendment Bill 2015 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. Cabinet approved the public release of a paper outlining the Terms of Reference for the review of the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012*.
3. *Attachments*
* [Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Another Act Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Terms of Reference – Review of *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012*](Attachments/ReviewToR.PDF)