1. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse identified that one of the most significant barriers for victims seeking justice was that they were unable to meet the limitation periods within which to commence their claims. The Royal Commission considered that states and territory Governments should remove any limitation periods.
2. The Limitations of Actions (Institutional Child Sexual Abuse) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 makes a number of miscellaneous amendments to:
* retrospectively abolish limitation periods that would apply to claims for damages brought by a person where that claim is founded on the personal injury of the person resulting from sexual abuse of the person when the person was a child, and the sexual abuse occurred in an institutional context;
* introduce a statutory regime for the conduct and management of representative proceedings (class actions) in Queensland to enhance access to justice and promote efficiency, transparency and consistency in the administration of justice where a number of people have suffered loss, injury or damage as a result of an alleged multiple wrong;
* replace current funding arrangements under the Legal Practitioner Interest on Trust Accounts Fund with funding through the Consolidated Fund and improve solicitors’ trust accounts administration; and
* permanently embed the arrangement whereby Justices of the Peace hear certain minor civil dispute matters in the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
1. Cabinet endorsed the introduction of the Limitations of Actions (Institutional Child Sexual Abuse) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 to the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Limitations of Actions (Institutional Child Sexual Abuse) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)