1. In July 2015, the Destination Brisbane Consortium was announced as the Queensland Government’s preferred proponent to deliver an iconic tourism, leisure and entertainment precinct in the heart of the Brisbane CBD.
2. In December 2015, the Queen’s Wharf Brisbane Bill 2015 (the QWB Bill) was introduced into the Legislative Assembly. The QWB Bill ratifies the Queen’s Wharf Brisbane Casino Agreement and makes amendments to other legislation to establish the necessary legislative environment to support the redevelopment project.
3. The QWB Bill did not include amendments to the Brisbane Casino Agreement relating to the redevelopment of the existing Brisbane casino-hotel complex and the site, which is an integral part of the Queen’s Wharf Brisbane precinct.
4. The Brisbane Casino Agreement Amendment Bill 2016 amends the *Brisbane Casino Agreement Act 1992* to exempt the Brisbane casino-hotel complex and the site from any development legislation in force in the local government area. However, development related to the current use of the existing casino-hotel complex will continue to be assessed and approved under the Brisbane Casino Agreement. Any future redevelopment or repurposing applications for this area will be assessed and approved by the Minister for Economic Development Queensland in line with the development and planning regime proposed to be implemented for the Queen’s Wharf Brisbane.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Brisbane Casino Agreement Amendment Bill 2016 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Brisbane Casino Agreement Amendment Bill 2016](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)