1. The Queensland Government has committed to implementing the child and family reforms recommended by the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry (QCPCOI) in its 2013 final report *Taking Responsibility: A Roadmap for Queensland Child Protection*. The reforms are being delivered as part of the Supporting Families Changing Futures reform program released in April 2016.
2. The review of the *Child Protection Act 1999* (the Act), was a recommendation of the QCPCOI. The review identified priority reforms.
3. The Child Protection Reform Amendment Bill 2017 implements stage one priority amendments to the Act to provide for:
	* a contemporary information sharing regime focused on children’s safety and wellbeing
	* the safe care and connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with their families, communities and cultures
	* permanency and stability for children in out-of-home care, now and throughout their lives, including after-care support.
4. The Bill also includes other amendments, including minor and technical amendments, to enable the Act to better reflect current practice and to address identified legislative issues.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Child Protection Reform Amendment Bill 2017 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
	* [Child Protection Reform Amendment Bill 2017](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
	* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)