1. The Criminal Law (Historical Homosexual Convictions Expungement) Bill 2017 (the Bill) provides a framework for the expungement of historical convictions or charges for homosexual acts.
2. The Bill substantively implements the recommendations of the Queensland Law Reform Commission Report No. 74 - August 2016, *Expunging criminal convictions for historical gay sex offences.*
3. Amendments to be introduced during the consideration in detail stage of debate of the Bill will amend the criteria that the chief executive must be satisfied before deciding to expunge a Criminal Code male homosexual offence or a public morality offence. The amended criteria would allow, to a limited extent, for the chief executive to decide to expunge convictions or charges relating to behaviour that would not constitute an offence under Queensland’s current laws but for the fact the conduct occurred in a public place.
4. Cabinet approved the introduction of amendments during the consideration in detail stage of the debate of the Bill.
5. Cabinet noted the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills will continue to consult with stakeholders to identify other offences to consider for future inclusion in the scheme.
6. *Attachments*
* [Criminal Law (Historical Homosexual Convictions Expungement) Bill 2017](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Ex%20Notes.PDF)