1. The *Biodiscovery Act 2004* (the Act) regulates the take and use of native biological material collected from State land or in Queensland waters for the purpose of biodiscovery. Biodiscovery is the analysis of molecular, biochemical or genetic information about native biological material, and the subsequent use of it for commercial purposes.
2. The Act provides the regulatory and contractual framework for Queensland to address the international obligations regarding access to genetic resources and the sharing of benefits resulting from their use.
3. An initial review of the Act in 2009 concluded that it had achieved its purpose, did not require amendment, and should be reviewed again in five years. Accordingly, the 2016 Statutory Review of the *Biodiscovery Act 2004* (Queensland) (the Review) was completed by Thomson Geer Lawyers.
4. The Review contains 45 recommendations relating to matters including the purpose and operation of the Act, traditional knowledge, land tenure and the *Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization*.
5. The government response to the Review accepted 30 of the 45 recommendations and the remaining 15 were accepted in-principle*.*
6. Cabinet approved the release of the Statutory Review of the *Biodiscovery Act 2004* (Queensland).
7. Cabinet approved the Queensland Government Response to the Statutory Review of the *Biodiscovery Act 2004* and its release.
8. Cabinet endorsed consultation with stakeholders about the recommendations and future reform of the Act.
9. *Attachments*
* [Statutory Review of the *Biodiscovery Act 2004* (Queensland)](Attachments/Review.PDF)
* [Queensland Government Response to the Statutory Review of the *Biodiscovery Act 2004*](Attachments/Response.PDF)