1. On 2 September 2018, the Premier and Minister for Trade announced a Parliamentary Inquiry into issues to do with aged and end-of-life care, including aged care, palliative care and dying with dignity.
2. There is a growing body of evidence that the current aged care system is resulting in negative outcomes for older Queenslanders, their families and carers, as well as State and Territory health systems.
3. Demand is also increasing for high quality care at the end of life that supports the choices of care recipients and their families and carers, including an increasingly common expectation that people who wish to die at home or in a home-like setting should be able to do so. Palliative care and end-of-life choices may be required at any age in life and should not be assumed to only apply to older Queenslanders.
4. The Terms of Reference for the Queensland Parliamentary Inquiry into Aged and End-of-Life Care will enable the development of a comprehensive understanding of the roles and responsibilities, complexities, issues and barriers to delivering best practice aged care and patient-led end-of-life care in Queensland.
5. On 16 September 2018, the Prime Minister announced that the Australian Government will establish a Royal Commission into Australia’s aged care sector in response to revelations of elder abuse and neglect.
6. The aged care review component of the Queensland Parliamentary Inquiry enables development of a detailed understanding of the issues being experienced within aged care services in Queensland. This information can then be submitted to the Royal Commission to inform it of critical Queensland aged care reform issues and opportunities for delivering improvements in the delivery of aged care.
7. Cabinet approved the moving of a motion in the Legislative Assembly that the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee inquire into and report to the Legislative Assembly on aged and end-of-life care.
8. *Attachments*
* Nil.