1. The COVID-19 public health emergency is having unprecedented health and economic impacts on many sectors of the economy, including residential tenancies.
2. Activity restrictions to support social distancing measures have resulted in reduced or lost income for many Queenslanders. More renting households are in or at risk of housing stress due to the health and economic impacts of COVID-19 and may fall into rent arrears as they make difficult decisions to manage their living expenses within reduced incomes and wait for additional financial assistance to commence.
3. An emergency regulation making power positions the Queensland Government to respond quickly and decisively by implementing temporary amendments to Queensland’s rental laws through a Regulation to support the residential rental sector to sustain tenancies and promote stability in Queensland’s rental market as the COVID-19 public health emergency evolves.
4. Cabinet approved tabling the draft Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (COVID-19 Response) Regulation 2020 in the Legislative Assembly.
5. *Attachments*:
* [Draft Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (COVID-19 Response) Regulation 2020](Attachments/Regulation.pdf)