1. Under the *Public Health Act 2005*, a declared public health emergency will lapse unless it is extended by a regulation.
2. The public health emergency declared on 29 January 2020, and most recently extended by the *Public Health (Further Extension of Declared Public Health Emergency– COVID-19) Regulation (No. 3) 2020*, was due to expire on 17 August 2020 unless further extended by regulation.
3. To ensure the Queensland Government can continue to respond to any potential outbreak of COVID-19 in Queensland, it is necessary to recommend to the Governor in Council the making of a regulation to further extend the declared public health emergency. This would allow the powers provided to emergency officers under the Public Health Act to continue and the Chief Health officer to make public health directions to respond to and contain the spread of COVID-19 in Queensland.
4. Cabinet endorsed the Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services recommending to the Governor in Council the making of the *Public Health (Further Extension of Declared Public Health Emergency—COVID-19) Regulation (No. 4) 2020*.
5. *Attachments*
* [*Public Health (Further Extension of Declared Public Health Emergency—COVID-19) Regulation (No.4) 2020*](Attachments/Reg.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Human Rights Certificate](Attachments/HRCert.PDF)