1. The Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) is an independent, accessible tribunal that efficiently resolves disputes on a range of matters. QCAT’s purpose is to provide a quick, inexpensive avenue to resolve disputes between parties and make decisions about:

* adult administration and guardianship;
* administrative decisions;
* anti-discrimination;
* building disputes;
* children and young people;
* consumer disputes;
* debt disputes;
* minor civil disputes (MCDs);
* occupational regulation;
* other civil disputes;
* residential tenancy disputes;
* retail shop leases; and
* tree disputes.

1. Section 171(1) of the *Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009* (the Act) provides that members of QCAT are the President, the Deputy President, the Senior Members, the Ordinary Members and the Supplementary Members.
2. Section 183(1) of the Act provides that as many Senior Members and Ordinary Members as are required for the proper functioning of QCAT must be appointed.
3. Section 198(1) of the Act provides that as many Adjudicators as are required for the proper functioning of QCAT must be appointed.
4. Adjudicators are solicitors who mainly hear MCDs. They have the same power and functions of a member and may also be involved in conducting compulsory conferences or mediations.
5. Cabinet endorsed the following persons be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment to the positions outlined in the table below for terms of five years commencing on and from 29 May 2020 to 28 May 2025:

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| **Name** | **Position** |
| Mr Ian Brown | Full-time Senior Member |
| Ms Susan Gardiner | Part-time Ordinary Member |
| Ms Anna Walsh | Full-time Adjudicator |
| Mr Marcus Katter | Part-time Adjudicator |
| Ms Gabrielle Mewing | Part-time Adjudicator |

1. *Attachments*

* Nil.