1. On 5 April 2019, Mr Terry Ryan, State Coroner, delivered his findings under the *Coroners Act 2003* of the inquest into the disappearance and death of Daniel James Morcombe.
2. Recommendation 2 of the findings provides that the Queensland Government amend the Criminal Code to ensure a time limit is imposed on the testing of human remains in circumstances where the prosecution and defence fail to reach agreement on the identity of the deceased.
3. The Queensland Government response noted the complex and sensitive issues raised by Recommendation 2 which give rise to a tension between the coronial and criminal justice systems.
4. The Government has undertaken targeted consultation on the implementation of the Recommendation 2, including other possible options to give effect to the underlying policy intent.
5. Having considered the results of consultation and human rights, consideration is being given to a proposal to amend the Criminal Code to clarify the process for examination and testing human remains.
6. The Queensland Government is continuing to deliver on its domestic and family violence reform agenda and amendments are proposed to support the operationalisation of a pilot enabling video recorded statements taken by police officers to be used as a victim’s evidence-in-chief in domestic and family violence related criminal proceedings (VRE pilot).
7. The amendments are intended to support a time-limited VRE pilot.
8. Cabinet approved publication of the coronial implementation progress update.
9. Cabinet approved the development of legislation for video recorded evidence and examination and testing of human remains.
10. *Attachments:*
* [Coronial reporting arrangements – Daniel James Morcombe](Attachments/Report.PDF)