1. On 29 January 2020, a public health emergency was declared for all of Queensland under the *Public Health Act 2005* (PH Act) in relation to the outbreak of COVID-19.
2. The *COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020* and the *Justice and Other Legislation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Amendment Act 2020* were introduced to protect the health, safety and welfare of Queenslanders, mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the community, and facilitate the continued functioning of Queensland institutions and economy to the extent possible.
3. The COVID-19 emergency in Queensland remains ongoing and these measures are still required.
4. The COVID-19 Emergency Response and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021:
   1. sets a new expiration date of 30 September 2021 or an earlier date prescribed by regulation;
   2. provides for COVID-safe measures to apply to local government by-elections and fresh elections called before the proposed ‘COVID-19 legislation expiry day’ of 30 September 2021, should they be required;
   3. extends existing temporary provisions that were put in place to safeguard revenue streams for local governments until 30 June 2022; and
   4. extends the existing temporary provisions for local government meetings to be conducted in COVID-safe ways until the COVID-19 legislation expiry day.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the COVID-19 Emergency Response and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*

* [COVID-19 Emergency Response and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Statement of Compatibility](Attachments/SoC.PDF)