1. In June 2021, a discussion paper titled *Shielding confidential sources: balancing the public’s right to know and the court’s need to know* was released seeking feedback on the development of shield laws to better protect journalists’ confidential sources.
2. The Evidence and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 (the Bill) amends the *Evidence Act 1977* (Evidence Act), Criminal Code, *Magistrates Act 1991*, *Bail Act 1980* and other related legislation to:
* establish a legislative framework to protect the identity of journalists’ confidential informants (known as ‘shield laws’);
* introduce a legislative framework to support a pilot enabling video recorded statements taken by trained police officers to be used as an adult victim’s evidence-in-chief in domestic and family violence related criminal proceedings;
* create a specific process for viewing and examining the body of a deceased person in a criminal proceeding; and
* make other minor and technical amendments.
1. Amendments to the Criminal Code in the Bill implement the Queensland Government response to Recommendation 2 of the findings of the *Inquest into the disappearance and death of Daniel James Morcombe*.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Evidence and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 into the Legislative Assembly.
3. Cabinet noted that the Bill will be referred to an appropriate Parliamentary Portfolio Committee for consideration.
4. Cabinet approved the publication of the *Results of Consultation Report Shielding confidential sources: balancing the public’s right to know and the court’s need to know*.
5. Cabinet approved the publication of the coronial implementation progress update.
6. *Attachments*
* [Evidence and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Statement of Compatibility](Attachments/SoC.PDF)
* [*Results of Consultation Report* *Shielding confidential sources: balancing the public’s right to know and the court’s need to know*](Attachments/Report.PDF)

* [Coronial implementation progress update](Attachments/Update.PDF)