1. The Bill will amend the *Ambulance Service Act 1991* to:
* give effect to recommendations from the Queensland Ambulance Service Audit Report by providing legislative support for the expanded scope of role for paramedics to provide treatment or alternative referral paths where an ambulance transport to a medical facility is not necessary (Recommendation 2.1 – dot points 2 and 3);
* clearly articulate the discretionary nature of Queensland Ambulance Service community service education functions in accordance with Recommendation 3.3 (paragraph 1) of the Queensland Ambulance Service Audit Report;
* enhance the enforcement framework to deter false calls (including enabling infringement notices for false calls);
* create confidentiality exemptions to improve operational efficiency and support funding arrangements; and
* remove the requirement for the Commissioner, Queensland Ambulance Service to prepare an annual strategic plan.
1. The Bill will amend the *Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990* to:
* enhance the enforcement framework to deter false calls;
* abolish the Rural Fire Advisory Council, transfer its functions to the Emergency Services Advisory Council (ESAC) and specify the role of ESAC in providing advice on disaster management matters; and
* remove the requirement for the Commissioner, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service to prepare an annual strategic plan.
1. Cabinet approved that the Emergency Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
2. Cabinet approved that the recommendation from the Queensland Ambulance Service Audit Report on contestability of medically authorised transport be opposed.
3. *Attachments*
* [Emergency Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2008](attachments/Emergency%20Services%20Legislation%20Amendment%20Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](attachments/Emergency%20Services%20Legislation%20Amendment%20Bill%20EXPNOTES.pdf)