1. The Member for Surfers Paradise and Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for the Arts, Mr John-Paul Langbroek, introduced the Commissions of Inquiry (Corruption, Cronyism and Unethical Behaviour) Amendment Bill 2009 (the Bill) as a Private Member’s Bill on 29 October 2009.
2. The Explanatory Notes to the Bill state the objective of the Bill is to amend the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950* to establish a timeframe for a Commission of Inquiry to be established into allegations of corruption, cronyism and unethical behaviour. The Bill also outlines the complete terms of reference for the Commission of Inquiry.
3. The Government has already announced a range of reforms to provide for a stronger and more accountable integrity system. In addition, the Crime and Misconduct Commission has existing strong powers to investigate any allegations of misconduct in the Queensland public sector.
4. On 10 November 2009 the Government’s Response to Integrity and Accountability in Queensland was tabled in Parliament outlining the Government’s program of legislative and administrative reforms to be implemented during 2009 and 2010.
5. As part of the Government’s reforms the Integrity Bill 2009 was introduced into Parliament on 10 November 2009 and enhances the functions and independence of the Integrity Commissioner, creates a statutory basis for the Register of Lobbyists (to be administered by the Integrity Commissioner), bans the payment of success fees to lobbyists and expands the jurisdiction of the Crime and Misconduct Commission to include government owned corporations.
6. Cabinet decided to oppose the Commissions of Inquiry (Corruption, Cronyism and Unethical Behaviour) Amendment Bill 2009.
7. *Attachments* –
* [Private Member’s Bill – Commission of Inquiry (Corruption, Cronyism and Unethical Behaviour) Amendment Bill 2009](Attachments/CInqCCUBAB09_P.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/CInqCCUBAB09Exp_P.pdf)