1. On 4 December 2008 and 23 April 2009, the Parliament of Queensland referred to the Law, Justice and Safety Committee (formerly the Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee) the task of developing a text for a preamble to the *Constitution of Queensland 2001.*
2. In drafting the text for a preamble to the Queensland Constitution, the Committee was directed to include both an aspirational statement to commemorate the 150th anniversary of establishment of Queensland and a statement of recognition to Queensland’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
3. On 3 September 2009, the Law, Justice and Safety Committee tabled its report containing a draft text for a preamble to the Constitution.
4. The Bill represents the Government response to the Committee’s report and adopts the Committee’s draft preamble text, with minor changes, for insertion into the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*.
5. The preamble includes an aspirational statement to mark the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Queensland and gives due recognition to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians.
6. The Bill also stipulates that the preamble is not to be used as an aid to statutory interpretation.
7. Cabinet approved the *Constitution (Preamble) Amendment Bill 2009* for introduction into the Legislative Assembly.
8. *Attachments:*

* [*Constitution (Preamble) Amendment Bill 2009*](Attachments/Bill.pdf)*.*
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Exp.pdf).