1. An independent review was undertaken in September to October 2010 of the future of the Queensland Workplace Rights Ombudsman (the Ombudsman) and the Queensland Workplace Rights Office (QWRO).
2. The review was instigated as a consequence of the changed industrial relations environment and referral of Queensland’s private sector industrial relations powers to the Commonwealth as well as the recommendation for a review of the Ombudsman by the Independent Review of Queensland Government Boards, Committees and Statutory Authorities conducted in 2008-2009.
3. The terms of reference for the review were to inquire into the achievements of the Ombudsman and QWRO and to make recommendations to the Minister about the future of the Ombudsman and the QWRO.
4. The review report contained 17 recommendations with the main recommendation being that the QWRO cease operations.
5. While the review made a case for the cessation of the role of Ombudsman and the closure of the QWRO, it was not considered prudent to disband this service entirely to allow transition to the new national industrial relations system.
6. Cabinet noted the review of the Queensland Workplace Rights Ombudsman and the Queensland Workplace Rights Office.
7. Cabinet endorsed the Queensland Government response to the review of the Queensland Workplace Rights Ombudsman and the Queensland Workplace Rights Office.
8. *Attachments:*
* [Review of the Queensland Workplace Rights Ombudsman and the Queensland Workplace Rights Office](Attachments/review-of-the-role-and-functions-of-the-QWRO%5B1%5D.pdf).
* [Government response to the Queensland Workplace Rights Ombudsman and the Queensland Workplace Rights Office](Attachments/PSIR-publication-of-queensland-government-response-to-review-of-QWRO%5B1%5D.pdf).