1. The *Local Government Act 2009* provides for the Local Government Change Commission to assess proposed local government changes including changes to a local government’s area, name or representation.
2. The Commission is constituted by the Electoral Commissioner of Queensland or any combination of the Electoral Commissioner, deputy electoral commissioner or casual commissioner, as required and as nominated by the Electoral Commissioner.
3. The Electoral Commissioner has the discretion to call on a casual commissioner, on an as needs basis, over the period of appointment.
4. To be qualified for appointment, a person must have extensive knowledge and experience in local government, public administration, law, public finance or community affairs; or any other qualifications the Governor in Council considers appropriate.
5. Mr van der Merwe was previously appointed as a casual commissioner from 7 July 2011 to 21 October 2012 to assist the Commission in the review of referred electoral change submissions leading up to the 2012 quadrennial local government elections.
6. Mr van der Merwe is currently appointed to the role of Executive Director, Elections Management within the Electoral Commission of Queensland.
7. Cabinet endorsed that Mr Walter James van der Merwe be recommended to the Governor in Council for re-appointment as a casual commissioner to the Local Government Change Commission for a period of three years commencing from date of Governor in Council approval.
8. *Attachments*
* Nil.