1. The *Appeal Costs Fund 1973*, in conjunction with the *Appeal Costs Fund Regulation 2010*, allows for the reimbursement to eligible applicants of certain costs associated with particular litigation and establishes the Appeals Cost Fund to meet those costs.
2. The purpose of the Act is to ensure that participants in the legal system are not financially inconvenienced by the illness of a judge or magistrate, the inability of a jury to reach a conclusion or judicial errors of law. The Appeals Cost Board determines these reimbursements upon the receipt of applications made to the Appeals Cost Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Regulation.
3. The Board is established under section 6(1) of the Act. Section 6(2) of the Act provides for the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, as the Minister responsible for the Act, to appoint three members, namely the chairperson, a representative from the Queensland Law Society and a representative from the Bar Association of Queensland.
4. Cabinet noted the intention of the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice to appoint Ms Glenda Newick as Chairperson to the Appeal Costs Board for a term of three years commencing from 8 May 2013 up to and including 7 May 2016.
5. *Attachments*
* Nil.