1. The Government has committed to taking action to address alcohol-related harm in and around Queensland’s licensed venues.
2. To achieve this the Government is implementing a comprehensive policy framework to tackle alcohol-fuelled violence (the Policy), based on evidence and best-practice approaches. This Policy includes both legislative and non-legislative elements, and also provides for the continuation, amendment or discontinuation of initiatives that are already in operation.
3. The Tackling Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (the Bill) will progress a number of legislative reforms that form part of the Policy. The explanatory notes provide detail as to the nature of the measures being implemented, and how these measures will address alcohol-fuelled violence.
4. The Bill also progresses a number of legislative reforms that were included in the ‘Liquor and Fair Trading Legislation (Red Tape Reduction) Amendment Bill 2015’ (the Private Members Bill), which was introduced by Mr Ian Walker MP in May 2015. The Bill will progress reforms from the Private Members Bill which are consistent with the Government’s Policy, including operationally driven liquor reforms necessary for enhanced enforcement and compliance and administrative reforms to ensure the legislation operates effectively.
5. Although not related to alcohol-fuelled violence, the Bill also includes an amendment from the Private Members Bill to repeal section 96 of the *Fair Trading Act 1989* in relation to directors’ liability. This amendment will ensure consistency across Queensland statutes dealing with directors’ liability.
6. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Tackling Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 into the Legislative Assembly.
7. *Attachments*
* [Tackling Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Legislation Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)