1. The objects of the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* (the Act) are to establish a public sector health system that delivers high quality hospital and other health services to persons in Queensland having regard to the principles and objectives of the national health system by:
	* strengthening local decision-making and accountability, local consumer and community engagement, and local clinician engagement;
	* providing for State-wide health system management including health system planning, coordination and standard setting; and
	* balancing the benefits of the local and system-wide approaches.
2. Section 7 of the Act provides for the establishment of Hospital and Health Services, which are statutory bodies and are the principal providers of public sector health services. Each Hospital and Health Service is independently and locally controlled by a Hospital and Health Board.
3. Section 23 of the Act provides for the membership of a Hospital and Health Board to consist of five or more members appointed by the Governor in Council, by gazette notice, on the recommendation of the Minister.
4. Cabinet endorsed that Professor Gracelyn Smallwood be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as member of the Townsville Hospital and Health Board, for a 12 month term commencing from the date published in the *Queensland Government Gazette*.
5. *Attachments*
	* Nil.