1. Under section 122 of the *Retail Shop Leases Act 1994* (the Act), a review of the operation of the Act has been conducted to decide whether the Act’s provisions remain appropriate for the Queensland retail sector.
2. The amendments to the Act contained in the Retail Shop Leases Amendment Bill 2015 (the Bill) are the outcome of the review consultation processes, including public consultation on a discussion and options paper and a reference group process comprising key retail sector and professional stakeholders.
3. The review reference group was consulted on drafting of the Bill.
4. The Bill is directed to streamlining and increasing the Act’s operational effectiveness and reducing the regulatory burden for the Queensland retail sector, while continuing to safeguard the interests of retail tenants without unduly interfering with commercial outcomes. Some amendments will align with the position in key eastern seaboard States to enhance operational efficiency and legal certainty for landlords and tenants operating across those jurisdictions.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Retail Shop Leases Amendment Bill 2015 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Retail Shop Leases Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)