1. The purpose of the Public Health (Medicinal Cannabis) Bill 2015 is to provide a regulatory framework to facilitate treatment with medicinal cannabis, while also preventing unauthorised use of such products.
2. Under this proposed regulatory framework, the supply chain of medicinal cannabis will be extremely tight.
3. A medical practitioner who believes their patient may benefit from treatment with medicinal cannabis may apply to the chief executive of Queensland Health for approval to prescribe a medicinal cannabis product for the patient.
4. An expert advisory panel will be established to assist the chief executive consider applications for approval, and medicinal cannabis will only be dispensed through an approved pharmacist or hospital pharmacy department.
5. A public consultation draft of the Bill will be released to canvass broad community and industry feedback on the proposed regulatory framework.
6. The Department of Health will also conduct targeted consultation with key health industry stakeholders, including doctors, pharmacists, nurses, hospitals and universities.
7. Cabinet approved release of a draft of the Public Health (Medicinal Cannabis) Bill 2016 for broad community consultation.
8. *Attachments*
	* [Draft Public Health (Medicinal Cannabis) Bill 2016](Attachments/DraftBill.pdf)