1. The Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence has finalised a review of the operation of the *Adoption Act 2009* and produced a report on the outcomes of the review.
2. In September 2015 the Minister released the discussion paper, ‘Public consultation for the review of the operation of the *Adoption Act 2009*’, and invited the community to participate in the review to enable the views and experiences of Queenslanders to be considered in reviewing the operation of the Act.
3. Six months’ public consultation has informed the review, with the most common issues raised including suitability and assessment processes; consent and dispensation processes; timeframes linked to adoption processes; and, eligibility criteria to register an expression of interest in becoming a prospective adoptive parent in Queensland.
4. Broadly, proposed reforms would aim to enhance the operation of the Act, to continue to progress open adoption practices and reflect contemporary community standards.
5. Cabinet endorsed the Report of the Review of the operation of the *Adoption Act 2009* – Final Report July 2016.
6. Cabinet noted that the Report of the Review of the operation of the *Adoption Act 2009* – Final Report July 2016 is to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.
7. *Attachments*
* [Report of the Review of the operation of the *Adoption Act 2009* – Final Report July 2016](Attachments/Report.PDF)