1. In response to concerns raised by business and community that Queensland’s trading hours arrangements are difficult to navigate and may act as a disincentive to business expansion, employment and economic growth, on 31 August 2016, the Government appointed Mr John Mickel as the Chair of an independent reference group to conduct a review and report back to Government.
2. The reference group, comprised of key business groups and unions, was asked to look at how the trading hours’ regulatory framework could be improved.
3. The Review Chair delivered the Review’s Report to Government in December 2016.
4. Cabinet approved that the Trading (Allowable Hours) Amendment Bill 2017 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
5. Cabinet noted the introduction of an amendment to establish Easter Sunday as an open trading day for non-exempt shops in South-East Queensland.
6. *Attachments*

* [Trading (Allowable Hours) Amendment Bill 2017](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)