1. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (Royal Commission) was established in January 2013 to inquire into how institutions, including Federal and state and territory governments, have responded to allegations and incidents of child sexual abuse.
2. The Royal Commission presented its Redress and Civil Litigation Report in September 2015 and its final report in December 2017.
3. The Redress and Civil Litigation Report recommended establishment of a single national redress scheme to provide a direct personal response from institution/s, counselling and psychological care, and a monetary payment. Redress schemes are an alternative to litigation, intended to recognise the hurt and injury suffered by victims and the moral responsibility of institutions.
4. In October 2017, the Federal Government introduced a Bill to create a 10 year scheme from 1 July 2018 with monetary payments of up to $150,000 (the National Scheme). The National Scheme will be open to states, territories and non-government institutions (NGIs) to opt in.
5. Cabinet approved the Queensland Government opting in to the National Redress Scheme for Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse being established by the Federal Government.
6. Cabinet approved the Queensland Government referring powers to enable the Federal Government to operate a redress scheme in Queensland for Queensland survivors of institutional child sexual abuse.
7. *Attachments*
* Nil.