1. On 6 March 2018, the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs introduced the Local Government Electoral (Implementing Stage 1 of Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 (the Belcarra Bill) which proposed to implement the five recommendations of the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) report *Operation Belcarra: A blueprint for integrity and addressing corruption risk in local government* (Belcarra Report) which were considered significant to require urgent legislative change, including a prohibition of donations from property developers.
2. To maintain community trust and confidence in the integrity of the system of local government and, in particular, that decisions are made transparently, impartially and in the public interest, amendments to the Belcarra Bill would:
* provide for the automatic suspension of a Councillor who is charged with an integrity offence;
* expand the range of offences which trigger the automatic dismissal of a Councillor who is convicted of certain offences;
* provide the Minister for Local Government, with the power to suspend or dismiss Councillors or a local government when he or she holds the reasonable belief that to do so would be in the public interest; and
* provide for the appointment of an interim administrator where all Councillors are suspended.
1. On 23 April 2018, the Economics and Governance Committee (EGC) tabled in the Legislative Assembly report No. 7, 56th Parliament on the Belcarra Bill. The report made three recommendations and includes four points of clarification.
2. Cabinet approved that amendments to the Local Government Electoral (Implementing Stage 1 of Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 be moved during consideration in detail of the Bill.
3. Cabinet approved the Government response to the Economics and Governance Committee Report No.7, on the Belcarra Bill.
4. *Attachments*
* [Final Local Government Electoral (Implementing Stage 1 of Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 including amendments during consideration in detail](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes for amendments during consideration in detail](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Report No.7, 56th Parliament – Local Government Electoral (Implementing Stage 1 of Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018](Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Queensland Government response to the Committee’s Report](Attachments/Response.PDF)