1. The Queensland Government committed to commencing a review of the *Youth Justice Act 1992* (YJ Act) in *Working Together Changing the Story: Youth Justice Strategy 2019 - 2023*.
2. As part of the review, priority legislative amendments were identified that would complement other government initiatives aimed at reducing the high number of young people held on remand.
3. The Youth Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 proposes priority reforms to:
   * reduce the period in which proceedings in the youth justice system are finalised;
   * remove legislative barriers to enable children to be appropriately granted bail; and
   * ensure reasonable conditions are attached to grants of bail and that conditions remain relevant while a young person’s matter is ongoing.
4. The suite of reforms will together provide a balanced approach to improve appropriate decision making without removing discretion. They also balance community safety, and short term and longer term outcomes for young people involved in the youth justice system, with the need to alleviate demand pressure over time.
5. The Bill also includes other amendments to:
   * introduce a contemporary information sharing framework, to enable government and non-government organisations to assess and respond to the needs of young people involved with the youth justice system;
   * clarify that a condition requiring the use of a tracking device cannot be imposed on a child;
   * authorise the collection, use and disclosure of video and audio recordings for specified purposes in relation to youth detention centres, including the use of body-worn cameras in youth detention centres;
   * enable the Public Guardian to continue to exercise community visitor (child) and child advocate powers and functions in residential facilities provided or funded by the Department of Youth Justice; and
   * introduce a requirement that, in sentencing a young person for the manslaughter of a child under 12 years, a court must treat the defencelessness of the victim and their vulnerability as an aggravating factor (aligning with recent amendments for adults made to the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992*).
6. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Youth Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 into the Legislative Assembly.
7. *Attachments*
   * [Youth Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
   * [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)