1. The Criminal Code (Consent and Mistake of Fact) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 will implement the recommendations of the Queensland Law Reform Commission’s report ‘Review of consent laws and the excuse of mistake of fact’ (the QLRC report) and progress a second tranche of the Government’s legislative response to the final evaluation report of the Tackling Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Policy (TAFV Policy).
2. The QLRC report makes five recommendations for amendment to the Criminal Code in relation to the operation of consent (sections 347 and 348 of the Criminal Code) and the excuse of mistake of fact (section 24 of the Criminal Code) as they apply to sexual offences in Chapter 32 of the Criminal Code.
3. The Bill progresses a second tranche of the Government’s legislative response to the final evaluation report of the TAFV Policy by amending the *Liquor Act 1992*, *Gaming Machine Act 1991* and *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*. Broadly, the amendments provide greater rigour around ID scanning and the banning regime; ensure the ongoing effectiveness of safe night precinct areas; and increase transparency around liquor and gaming machine decisions.
4. The Bill also makes miscellaneous amendments to wagering legislation to provide flexibility for wagering operators in respect of dividends; wagering and racing legislation to restrict the offer of inducements; Cooperatives legislation to correct an unintended omission; and to the Liquor Act to provide for exemptions to relevant liquor accords from the cartel provisions under national competition law.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Criminal Code (Consent and Mistake of Fact) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Criminal Code (Consent and Mistake of Fact) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Human Rights Statement of Compatibility](Attachments/SoC.PDF)