1. On 28 November 2019, the Minister for Housing and Public Works, Minister for Digital Technology and Minister for Sport tabled in the Legislative Assembly the government responses to two independent reports into the building and construction industry: The Building Industry Fairness Reforms Implementation and Evaluation Panel report and the Special Joint Taskforce report.
2. The reports made recommendations about how to further enhance Queensland’s security of payment laws, including the current trust account system, and how to address fraudulent practices that contribute to subcontractor non-payment.
3. The Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 (the Bill) implements the government responses to the reports.
4. The Bill also progresses the next phase of Queensland Building Plan implementation. This involves:
   * providing more oversight powers to building and practitioner regulators, including the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) and the boards governing registered architects and engineers;
   * clarifying QBCC licensing requirements; and
   * measures to improve the professional standards and independence of building certifiers, such as a new demerit points system.
5. Further, the Bill amends the *Retirement Villages Act 1999* to preserve in primary legislation certain provisions previously made under a transitional regulation.
6. Cabinet approved introduction of the Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 into the Legislative Assembly.
7. Cabinet approved tabling of the draft Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Amendment Regulation 2020 in the Legislative Assembly
8. *Attachments*
   * [Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
   * [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
   * [Statement of Compatibility](Attachments/HRSoC.PDF)
   * [Draft Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Amendment Regulation 2020](Attachments/DraftReg.PDF)