1. In 2020, amendments were made to the *Public Health Act 2005* and the *Mental Health Act 2016* to support the Queensland Government’s health response to COVID-19. Given the urgency of the amendments, sunset and expiry clauses were inserted into the amending legislation which are due to expire in early 2021.
2. To ensure the Queensland Government can continue to respond to any potential outbreaks of COVID-19 in Queensland, it is necessary to extend the relevant expiry dates for the sunset clauses until 30 September 2021. The extension of the amendments will be reviewed as further medical interventions, such as a vaccine, become available.
3. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2020 to the Legislative Assembly.
4. *Attachments*:
* [Public Health and Other Legislation (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2020](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Human Rights Statement of Compatibility](Attachments/SoC.PDF)