1. Anzac Square was dedicated on Remembrance Day 1930 as the State’s war memorial. It is on Crown land reserved under the *Land Act 1994* for the purposes of historical and parks and cultural purposes and is listed on the Queensland Heritage Register.
2. The governance arrangements for Anzac Square have been reviewed, taking into account the importance of Anzac Square as the State’s war memorial, the expanded purpose created by memorial galleries, and the ongoing management requirements.
3. The governance arrangements for the Anzac Day Trust Fund (Trust Fund) and the role of the Queensland Veterans’ Advisory Council (QVAC) have also been reviewed.
4. The Trust Fund was initially established in 1964 under the now repealed *Anzac Day Act 1921* and is maintained in existence under the *Anzac Day Act 1995.* The Trust Fund is funded predominately by a grant appropriated from the Queensland Government, providing annual payments to institutions, organisations or associations to assist and support ex-servicemen and women and their dependants. QVAC is a ministerial advisory committee established administratively to provide a forum for the Queensland veterans’ community to communicate directly with the Queensland Government and to provide advice to the Queensland Government on veterans’ matters.
5. The Queensland Veterans’ Council Bill 2021 establishes the Queensland Veterans’ Council as a new statutory body with three areas of responsibility:
* trustee of Anzac Square under the *Land Act 1994* and the ongoing management and operation of Anzac Square;
* the functions of the Board of Trustees under the *Anzac Day Act 1995*; and
* providing advice to government on veterans’ matters.
1. Cabinet approved that the Queensland Veterans’ Council Bill 2021 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Veterans’ Council Bill 2021](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Human Rights Statement of Compatibility](Attachments/SoC.PDF)