1. The Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) is an independent, accessible tribunal that efficiently resolves disputes on a range of matters. QCAT’s purpose is to provide a quick, inexpensive avenue to resolve disputes between parties and make decisions about: adult administration and guardianship; administrative decisions; anti-discrimination; building disputes; children and young people; consumer disputes; debt disputes; minor civil disputes (MCDs); occupational regulation; other civil disputes; residential tenancy disputes; retail shop leases; and tree disputes.
2. Section 171(1) of the *Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009* (the Act) provides that members of QCAT are the President, the Deputy President, the Senior Members, the Ordinary Members and the Supplementary Members.
3. Section 183(1) of the Act provides that as many Senior Members and Ordinary Members as are required for the proper functioning of QCAT must be appointed.
4. The *Legal Profession Act 2007* (LP Act) empowers QCAT to hear and decide legal practitioner discipline matters referred to it by the Legal Services Commissioner.
5. Section 598(1) of the LP Act provides that for a proceeding for a matter QCAT is empowered to deal with under this Act, QCAT is to be constituted by a judicial member who is a Supreme Court judge or a former Supreme Court judge who is nominated by the president of QCAT.
6. Section 599 provides that:
7. QCAT is to be helped by two members chosen by the Principal Registrar of QCAT and approved by QCAT as constituted under section 598;
8. the panel members must be a member of the lay panel member and one of the following members:
   1. if the complaint is about the conduct of a person who was a barrister or, in the opinion of QCAT, was engaged in legal practice in the manner of a barrister—a member of the practitioner panel who is a barrister; or
   2. otherwise, a member of the practitioner panel who is a solicitor.
9. Section 607 of the LP Act establishes the Practitioner Panel (the Panel) and provides that the practitioner panel is to consist of both barristers and solicitors.
10. Cabinet endorsed the following persons be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment to the positions outlined in the table below for terms stated below:

| **Name** | **Position** | **Term** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Mr Peter Bridgman | Sessional Ordinary Member | Five years on and from 1 April 2021  to 31 March 2026 |
| Ms Susan Burke | Sessional Ordinary Member | Five years on and from 1 April 2021  to 31 March 2026 |
| Mr Benjamin Kidston | Sessional Ordinary Member | Five years on and from 1 April 2021  to 31 March 2026 |
| Ms Mary (Lynne) Matsen | Sessional Ordinary Member | Five years on and from 1 April 2021  to 31 March 2026 |
| Mr Robert Olding | Sessional Ordinary Member | Five years on and from 1 April 2021  to 31 March 2026 |
| Ms Linda Renouf | Sessional Ordinary Member | Five years on and from 1 April 2021  to 31 March 2026 |
| Mr Peter Roney QC | Sessional Ordinary Member | Five years on and from 1 April 2021 |
| Dr Daniel Stepniak | Sessional Ordinary Member | Five years on and from 1 April 2021  to 31 March 2026 |
| Ms Annette Bradfield | Practitioner Panel (Solicitor) | Three years on and from the day following Governor in Council approval. |
| Mr Philip Hack QC | Practitioner Panel (Barrister) | Three years on and from the day following Governor in Council approval. |
| Mr Michael Heiner | Practitioner Panel (Solicitor) | Three years on and from the day following Governor in Council approval. |
| Mr David Logan QC | Practitioner Panel (Barrister) | Three years on and from the day following Governor in Council approval. |
| Ms Kathryn McMillan QC | Practitioner Panel (Barrister) | Three years on and from the day following Governor in Council approval. |
| Mr Brian O'Donnell QC | Practitioner Panel (Barrister) | Three years on and from the day following Governor in Council approval. |
| Mr Ross Perrett | Practitioner Panel (Solicitor) | Three years on and from the day following Governor in Council approval. |
| Ms Patricia Schmidt | Practitioner Panel (Solicitor) | Three years on and from the day following Governor in Council approval. |

1. *Attachments*

* Nil.