1. The *Summary Offences Act 2005* provides a law and order based response to the offences of ‘Urinating in a public place’ (under section 7), ‘Begging in a public place’ (under section 8) and ‘Being intoxicated in a public place’ (under section 10).
2. A review of these provisions allows for an examination into the ongoing utility of public urination, public intoxication and begging offences as measures to address what are accepted to be health and social welfare problems, not moral or criminal issues.
3. The review ensures that any decriminalisation of these offences will not lead to unforeseen adverse consequences for either the vulnerable people most affected by the laws or broader public safety and amenity.
4. The review, to be conducted by a parliamentary committee with public input, will have broad terms of reference to provide advice on:
5. changes to legislation and operational policing responses to decriminalise the public intoxication and begging offences in the *Summary Offences Act 2005*;
6. the compatibility of proposed legislative amendments, and health and social welfare based service delivery responses to public intoxication and begging, with rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019*;
7. the costs and benefits of responses to public intoxication and begging in other Australian jurisdictions;
8. the health and social welfare-based responses to public intoxication and begging necessary to support legislative amendments, having regard to existing responses, such as diversion services;
9. the impacts of decriminalising public intoxication and begging in rural and remote communities;
10. the design of health and social welfare-based responses that are culturally safe and appropriate and informed by First Nations people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and legal services and also representative bodies for seniors and people with a disability;
11. the appropriateness of other police powers and offences to ensure community safety and public order arising from public intoxication and begging, particularly in the context of events where there may be significant alcohol consumption;
12. how existing public messaging on the harm of alcohol and other drugs, including alcohol-related violence, can continue to be reinforced following the decriminalisation of public intoxication; and
13. the appropriateness of repealing the ‘Urinating in a public place’ offence under the *Summary Offences Act 2005*.
14. Cabinet approved a review be undertaken of public urination, public intoxication and begging offences contained within the *Summary Offences Act 2005*.
15. Cabinet approved a motion be moved in the Legislative Assembly to establish a parliamentary committee inquiry into the decriminalisation of public intoxication, begging and public urination offences contained in the *Summary Offences Act 2005*.
16. *Attachments*
* Nil.