1. The Casino Control and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (the Bill) introduces a range of reforms relevant to the liquor, gaming and fair trading portfolio.
2. The Bill amends the *Casino Control Act 1982* (Casino Control Act) to enhance the rigour of Queensland’s regulation of casinos. The amendments address concerns regarding casino integrity that have been the focus of national high-profile allegations and investigations.
3. Generally, the amendments to address casino integrity will increase key penalties under the Casino Control Act, ensure meaningful disciplinary action can be taken against casino entities (including a new disciplinary fine of up to $50 million), place positive obligations on casino entities to cooperate with and disclose information to the regulator, and allow the regulator to impose certain costs on casino entities.
4. The Bill also contains amendments to Queensland’s gambling legislation to modernise the Acts. The amendments primarily relate to the Government’s commitment to facilitate a safe transition to cashless gaming in Queensland. The amendments allow new payment methods and systems to be approved, but will subject those payment methods and systems to technical evaluation and approval conditions (if necessary) to address any potential harms. The Bill would increase the Government’s ability to reduce the potential harms from gambling by allowing harm minimisation measures to be mandated by regulation. The Bill additionally ensures that the regulator will have guideline-making powers across all gambling Acts.
5. The Bill also proposes to remove redundant individual (employee) licensing requirements from the Casino Control Act and removes a detention power from that Act which is incompatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019*.
6. The Bill also contains amendments to:
* introduce a framework for wagering on simulated events within terrestrial wagering agencies and outlets, subject to appropriate approvals and controls;
* align gaming machine trading hours with extended liquor trading hours on New Year’s Day, in accordance with operational policy over the past two decades; and
* implement a cross-border recognition model for the authorisation of charitable fundraising under the *Collections Act 1966* to reduce tape for charities.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Casino Control and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*:
* [Casino Control and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Statement of Compatibility with the *Human Rights Act 2019*](Attachments/SoC.PDF)