1. On 31 January 2022, the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee (LASC) tabled its Report on serious vilification and hate crime in Queensland in the Legislative Assembly. Pursuant to the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* (POQ Act), a Government response to the LASC Report must be tabled in Parliament.
2. The Report contains 17 recommendations, primarily relating to the operation of offences, the improvement of record keeping and reporting of serious vilification and hate crime, and community education and engagement.
3. The Government response to the LASC Report No. 22, 57th Parliament, *Inquiry into serious vilification and hate crimes* supports nine Report recommendations and supports eight of the Report recommendations on an in-principle basis. A number of recommendations require legislative amendment, further investigation or resources, while others will require further consideration having regard to the outcomes and recommendations of the Queensland Human Rights Commission (QHRC) review of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* (the QHRC Review).
4. Recommendation 16 of the LASC Report is to introduce an offence prohibiting the display of hate symbols.
5. Cabinet approved the preparation of an amendment to the Criminal Code to prohibit hate crime symbols to implement Recommendation 16 of the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee (LASC) Report No. 22 of the 57th Parliament, entitled *Inquiry into serious vilification and hate crimes.*
6. Cabinet approved that the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence table the Government response to the LASC Report No. 22, 57th Parliament, *Inquiry into serious vilification and hate crimes.*
7. *Attachments*:
* [Government response to the LASC Report No. 22, 57th Parliament, *Inquiry into serious vilification and hate crimes*](Attachments/Report.PDF)