1. On 4 November 2021, the *Queensland Veterans’ Council Act 2021* (Act) received royal assent. The Act provides for the establishment of the Queensland Veterans’ Council (Council) as a statutory body with responsibility for the management of Anzac Square, administration of the Anzac Day Trust Fund and provision of advice to the Minister about matters impacting on Queensland veterans and the veterans’ community.
2. Section 13(1) of the Act states that the Council consists of the chief executive of the department, or their nominee, and the chief executive officer of the Brisbane City Council, or their nominee, and six other members appointed by the Governor in Council (*appointed members*).
3. Section 13(2) of the Act states that two of the appointed members must be representatives of veterans’ organisations and the other four members must have knowledge, skills and experience in corporate governance, business or financial management or heritage conservation or another area the Minister considers relevant. The Act provides that members of the Council are appointed for a term of not longer than four years.
4. Section 34 of the Act establishes the Veterans’ Reference Group to provide advice to the Council on matters referred to them or in the provision of advice from the Council to the Minister. Section 36 of the Act states the Veterans’ Reference Group must consist of the:
* appointed members under section 13(2)(a) of the Act, who are the co-chairpersons; and
* not more than eight other members of the veterans’ community having knowledge, or skills and experience in, one or more of the following: veterans’ welfare; veterans’ health; military service; veterans’ transition from military service; veterans’ employment; veterans’ aged care; matters that affect veterans’ partners, widows and dependants; or other matters that affect the wellbeing of the veterans’ community.
1. The Act provides that members of the Veterans’ Reference Group, except for the co-chairpersons, are appointed for a term of not longer than two years.
2. Cabinet endorsed recommending to the Governor in Council the appointment of:
* Mr Quentin Masson DSM as a member and chairperson of the Council and Mrs Lorraine Hatton OAM as a member of the Council for terms up to and including 31 October 2026;
* Mr Robert Skoda and Ms Nicole Hayes as members of the Council, under section 13(2)(a) of the Act (veterans’ organisation representatives), and Ms Catherine (Miriam) Dwyer as a member of the Council for terms up to and including 31 August 2024.
1. Cabinet noted the intention of the Premier and Minister for the Olympics to appoint Mrs Katherine (Kate) Bowden, Ms Anita Brooker, Mr Brendan Cox, Dr Andrew Cronin, Ms Kathleen (Kate) Drews, Ms Jennifer Gregory, Mr William (Bill) Marklew OAM and Mr Edwin Mi Mi as members of the Veterans’ Reference Group for terms up to and including 31 August 2024.
2. *Attachments*:
* Nil.