1. Mater Misericordiae Health Services Brisbane Ltd (the Mater) currently operates three public hospitals and three private hospitals at the Mater’s South Brisbane campus. Queensland Health provides funding to the Mater for the delivery of health services to public patients (public patient services) by the Mater public hospitals. Since 2002, the funding has been governed by a 20 year agreement and an annual health services agreement.
2. The Mater private hospitals are licensed under the *Private Health Facilities Act 1999* but the Mater public hospitals are not. Queensland Health and the Mater have agreed to the Mater public and private hospitals being brought under a single licence.
3. The main object of the Mater Public Health Services Bill 2008 is to provide a statutory framework for arrangements between Queensland Health and the Mater about the funding and delivery of public patient services at the Mater public or private hospitals.
4. The Bill also:
* removes barriers to Queensland Health and the Mater exchanging information that is necessary for the care and treatment of the patient to whom the information relates; and
* amends the *Private Health Facilities Act 1999* to clarify that the Mater public hospitals are ‘private hospitals’ under that Act and to provide for a new single licence to be issued for the Mater public and private hospitals at South Brisbane to replace the existing licences for the Mater private hospitals.
1. Cabinet approved that the Mater Public Health Services Bill 2008 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments for release*
* [Mater Public Health Services Bill 2008](attachments/Mater%20Public%20Health%20Services%20Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](attachments/Mater%20Public%20Health%20Services%20Bill%20EXNOTES.pdf)