1. The Queensland Government is committed to a competitive regulatory environment that supports Queensland business in driving innovation, productivity and economic growth for the benefit of all Queenslanders.
2. The Queensland Government is establishing a Queensland Business Commissioner (the Commissioner) to assist Queensland businesses by identifying and making recommendations to the Government about issues in the Queensland regulatory environment.
3. This will support the Queensland Government to enhance business confidence and help to generate the conditions for business success.
4. The Commissioner will:
* liaise with business through the Queensland Small Business Advisory Council (QSBAC) and established peak bodies on regulation and make recommendations to government for change to the regulatory environment, including about reducing the time taken by regulators to complete regulatory processes and making regulation simpler for businesses to read, understand and comply with;
* coordinate the regulatory simplification actions of government to enhance Queensland’s productivity and competitiveness, and contribute to and promote the objectives of the Smart Regulation Reform Agenda. This will include communicating to business the measures that have been taken by the Government to improve productivity and competitiveness;
* provide a central ‘go to’ point for business, via industry peak bodies, to raise systemic issues for the Commissioner to address;
* provide advice to regulatory agencies on regulatory practices that support improvement in business productivity and competitiveness (e.g. educating agencies about best practice regulation in Australia and around the world) and identify, investigate and report on regulatory issues and solutions; and
* report to the Minister for Finance, Natural Resources and The Arts and the Minister for Tourism, Manufacturing and Small Business about the regulatory issues facing business and positive efficiency and productivity gains in the Queensland business environment.
1. Critically, the Commissioner will not duplicate the roles of the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal or Queensland Ombudsman, but work to complement these entities.
2. The Commissioner will be established in an administrative contracted role and employed through the *Public Service Act 2008* and report to the Minister for Finance, Natural Resources and The Arts and the Minister for Tourism, Manufacturing and Small Business
3. Cabinet endorsed the establishment of the Queensland Business Commissioner.
4. *Attachments*
* Nil.