1. The *Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009* establishes the Queensland Civil Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) and provides for the appointment of members and adjudicators. QCAT commenced on 1 December 2009 and amalgamated 18 of the State’s tribunals and other bodies into one, providing a single gateway through which the community can access civil and administrative justice.
2. The functions of QCAT are to:
3. facilitate access to its services throughout Queensland;
4. encourage the early and economical resolution of disputes before QCAT, including, if appropriate, through alternative dispute resolution processes;
5. ensure proceedings are conducted in an informal way that minimises costs to parties, and is as quick as is consistent with achieving justice;
6. ensure like cases are treated alike;
7. ensure QCAT is accessible and responsive to the diverse needs of persons who use the tribunal;
8. maintain specialist knowledge, expertise and experience of members and adjudicators;
9. ensure the appropriate use of the knowledge, expertise and experiences of members and adjudicators;
10. encourage members and adjudicators to act in a way that promotes the collegiate nature of QCAT; and
11. maintain a cohesive organisational structure.
12. Cabinet endorsed that Mr David Paratz be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as a full-time ordinary member to the Queensland Civil Administrative Tribunal for a five year term commencing from 26 October 2012 up to and including 25 October 2017.
13. *Attachments*
* Nil.