1. Key changes to the Work Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 include:
* introducing an offence of industrial manslaughter (negligence causing death);
* establishing an independent statutory office for work health and safety prosecutions;
* expanding the jurisdiction of the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC) to hear and determine disputes relating to work health and safety issues, cease work matters, requests for assistance by health and safety representatives, and the provision of information to health and safety representatives;
* enabling inspectors to make a determination about whether a right of entry by WHS entry permit holder is valid and WHS issues that have given rise to the parties for entry;
* restoring the status of codes of practice as existed under the *Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995*; and
* enabling the appointment of a Work Health and Safety Officer (WHSO) or the election of a Health and Safety Representative to be permissible as evidence that a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) has taken action to mitigate health and safety risks.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Work Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Work Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)