1. The Criminal Law (Historical Homosexual Convictions Expungement) Bill 2017 (the Bill) provides an appropriate framework for the expungement of historical convictions or charges for homosexual acts.
2. The Bill substantively implements the recommendations of the Queensland Law Reform Commission Report No. 74 August 2016, *Expunging criminal convictions for historical gay sex offences.*
3. The Bill creates a legislative framework for applications to be made to the Director-General (or delegate) of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General for certain specified historical homosexual sex offences. It allows for the expungement of a conviction or charge for certain prescribed offences that were in force prior to 19 January 1991 and involved homosexual activity. A prescribed offence can only be expunged if the decision-maker is satisfied that if the relevant offence was committed on the date that the application for expungement was made it would not constitute an offence under the law of Queensland.
4. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Criminal Law (Historical Homosexual Convictions Expungement) Bill 2017 into the Legislative Assembly.
5. *Attachments*
* [Criminal Law (Historical Homosexual Convictions Expungement) Bill 2017](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)