1. The 2018 Commonwealth Games (the Games) are to be hosted on the Gold Coast between 4‑15 April 2018 with events also being held in Brisbane, Cairns and Townsville. The Queensland Police Service is partnering with the Office of the Commonwealth Games and the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation to plan and deliver the security and public safety response for the Games.
2. The *Police Powers and Responsibilities (Commonwealth Games) Amendment Act 2017* was enacted on 5 June 2017 and amended the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* to provide police officers with additional powers for the Games. The additional powers can only be used in protective security zones which may be prescribed by regulation or declared urgently by the Commissioner of Police.
3. Protective security zones may include (a) an area associated with the Games, and (b) public transport infrastructure or a part of the public transport network associated with, or used to transport members of the public to or from, the Games. Protective security zones and their associated police powers are intended to protect people in crowded places associated with the Games (other than major event areas).
4. The *Police Powers and Responsibilities (Commonwealth Games) Amendment Regulation 2017* (amendment regulation) amends the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Regulation 2012* to prescribe protective security zones for the Games at the Gold Coast, Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns and Logan (for the railway line).
5. The prescribed protective security zones have been determined based on an assessment of security risks of crowded places associated with Games venues, events and related infrastructure. This included consideration of many factors including the type of event, venue location and design, environmental features, expected crowd numbers, location and capacity of public transport systems, known threats and intelligence.
6. The protective security zones only apply for the periods stated in the amendment regulation and the additional police powers will lapse one week after the Games end.
7. Cabinet approved that the *Police Powers and Responsibilities (Commonwealth Games) Amendment Regulation 2017* be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
8. *Attachments*
* [*Police Powers and Responsibilities (Commonwealth Games) Amendment Regulation 2017*](Attachments/Regulation.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)