1. The Human Rights Bill 2018 (the Bill) implements a Human Rights Act for Queensland based on the Victorian *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.*
2. The Bill would protect and promote human rights, help build a culture in the Queensland public sector that respects and promotes human rights, and help promote a dialogue about the nature, meaning and scope of human rights.
3. The Bill adopts a ‘dialogue’ model, that is, a legislative framework for a ‘dialogue’ between the three arms of government (the executive, legislature and courts) about human rights and imposes obligations on:
* public entities to act in ways that are consistent with human rights;
* Parliament to scrutinise legislation for its compatibility with human rights; and
* the judiciary to interpret legislation consistently with human rights.
1. The Bill also renames the Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland as the Queensland Human Rights Commission (QHRC). The QHRC will take a lead role in community and public sector education about human rights and in monitoring the implementation of the human rights legislation including preparing an annual report on the operation of the Human Rights Act.
2. The QHRC would have a complaint handling and conciliation function, providing an accessible, independent and appropriate avenue for members of the community to raise human rights concerns with public entities with a view to reaching resolution.
3. There is no stand-alone cause of action for breach of human rights under the Bill, however individuals who have an existing cause of action against a public entity may add a claim of unlawfulness under the human rights legislation to the existing claim.
4. The Bill also amends the *Youth Justice Act 1992* and the *Corrective Services Act 2006* to set out considerations that may be taken into account when acting or making certain decisions under those Acts, in addition to human rights considerations under the Human Rights Act.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Human Rights Bill 2018 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Human Rights Bill 2018](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)