1. The Queensland Government is committed to creating a future where Queenslanders with a disability have the same access to opportunities as every other Queenslander. The Department of Transport and Main Roads administers Queensland’s Disability Parking Permit Scheme, providing convenient access to facilities in wide parking bays. Eligibility for a disability parking permit is based on the applicant’s functional ability to walk.
2. Vision impaired persons who are permanently legally blind face specific and heightened mobility challenges that other disability groups may not.
3. The Transport Legislation (Disability Parking and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2019 (the Bill) expands the eligibility of the Disability Parking Permit Scheme to include vision impaired persons who are legally blind. It also seeks to increase the current penalty amount for the illegal use of a disability parking bay to further deter misuse, safeguarding access for legitimate users.
4. The Bill also makes minor technical amendments to the *Rail Safety National Law (Queensland) Act 2017* to ensure consistency with definitions in the rail safety national law.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Transport Legislation (Disability Parking and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2019 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Transport Legislation (Disability Parking and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2019](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)