1. The *Local Government Act 2009* is amended so that mayoral and councillor vacancies are filled in accordance with a new process.
2. The amendments also provide for transitional arrangements in relation to actions taken, including any appointment of a runner-up to a vacant office, in the period starting on 12 October 2020 and ending immediately before commencement (the relevant period) and for how vacancies arising during the relevant period are to be filled.
3. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Local Government (Councillor Vacancies) amendments into the Legislative Assembly in a suitable legislative vehicle.
4. *Attachments*

* [COVID-19 Emergency Response and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020](Attachments/Bill.PDF) (refer Part 5)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Statement of Compatibility](Attachments/SoC.PDF)