1. The Mental Health Review Tribunal (the Tribunal) is established under the *Mental Health Act 2016* (the Act) to review the involuntary status of people with mental illness and/or intellectual disability. The Tribunal also provides approval for the performance of electroconvulsive therapy and non-ablative neurosurgical procedures.
2. The Tribunal consists of the President, Deputy President and other members comprised of psychiatrists, lawyers and other persons with relevant qualifications and/or experience.
3. The Deputy President reports to the President and acts in the office of the President during any period the office is vacant or all periods when the President is absent from duty or from Queensland, or for any other reasons, cannot perform the functions of the office (s712).
4. Pursuant to sections 707(2) and 708(2) of the Act, the Deputy President is appointed by the Governor in Council on a full-time or part-time basis for a term of office of not more than three years.
5. Pursuant to section 707(3) of the Act, a person is eligible for appointment as Deputy President of the Tribunal only if the person is a lawyer of at least seven years standing and has, in the Minister’s opinion, sufficient knowledge of administrative law and the Act.
6. Cabinet endorsed that Mrs Virginia Ryan be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as Deputy President of the Mental Health Review Tribunal on a full-time basis for a term of three years commencing on 29 June 2021 up to and including 28 June 2024.
7. *Attachments*:
* Nil.