1. In 2020, amendments were made to the *Public Health Act 2005* and other legislation to support the Queensland Government’s response to COVID-19 and the Queensland economy and businesses affected by the pandemic. Given the urgency of the amendments, sunset and expiry clauses were inserted into the amending legislation, which are due to expire in September 2021.
2. The public health emergency for COVID-19 continues to require a significant response from the health system and support from across the Queensland Government. To ensure the Queensland Government can continue to effectively respond to the health and safety risks and the wider impacts of COVID-19, it is necessary to extend the expiry dates of the amendments until 30 April 2022.
3. The Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021:
* extends the expiry date for the majority of the COVID-19 legislation until 30 April 2022, with some measures extended for an extra one to two months to allow a transition period;
* provides for some temporary COVID-19 measures to expire on 30 September 2021;
* makes an amendment to the Public Health Act to clarify that public health directions may be given electronically; and
* amends the Public Health Act to improve payment and collection of quarantine fees and make the quarantine fee system more adaptable to the changing nature of the COVID-19 emergency.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*:
* [Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions Amendment Bill 2021](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Human Rights Statement of Compatibility](Attachments/SoC.PDF)