1. The Queensland Government is continuing to implement the Queensland Building Plan (QBP) to make the industry safer, fairer and more sustainable, which fosters confidence, creates job opportunities and strengthens the State’s economy.
2. The Building and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (the Bill) enhances QBP-related reforms by amending several building-related Acts:
   * *Architects Act 2002*
   * *Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Act 2017*
   * *Building Act 1975*
   * *Planning Act 2016*
   * *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018*
   * *Professional Engineers Act 2002*
   * *Queensland Building and Construction Commission Act 1991*.
3. The Bill strengthens Queensland’s building laws by responding to a 2019 court decision about the ‘Ban the Banners’ legislation and expands the powers of the Queensland Building and Construction Commission to commence prosecutions for offences relating to the combustible cladding checklist and immediately suspend a licence where there is a serious public risk.
4. The Bill amends the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018* to facilitate the use of greywater in cooling towers and repeals provisions not yet commenced for an alternative recognition pathway under the *Building Act 1975*.
5. The Bill also addresses concerns relating to an existing licensing exemption for head contractors who procure certain building work. Additional amendments to building-related legislation will clarify and modernise existing provisions to improve building regulatory processes.
6. Cabinet approved that the Building and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
7. *Attachments*:
   * [Building and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
   * [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
   * [Statement of Compatibility with the *Human Rights Act 2019*](Attachments/SoC.PDF)