1. On 12 March 2008, the Premier and Minister for the Arts announced that that a new civil and administrative tribunal was to commence in the second half of 2009. The new tribunal would deal with a range of matters currently dealt with by tribunals as well as some civil disputes (including small claims and minor debt matters) and a range of administrative decisions that are currently dealt with in the courts.
2. The Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) will have an original jurisdiction (hearing matters such as small claims, guardianship disputes, building disputes, retail shop lease disputes), a review jurisdiction (dealing with reviews of administrative decisions) and an appeal jurisdiction (appeals from decisions of the tribunal and other entities).
3. Two Acts are required to create QCAT. The *Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009* (the QCAT Act) creates the tribunal, contains comprehensive objects for the Act, contains the membership provisions and sets out the tribunal’s generic functions and powers. The *Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Jurisdiction Provisions) Amendment Act 2009* amends approximately 200 pieces of legislation to give QCAT jurisdiction to hear and decide matters that are currently decided by tribunals to be amalgamated into QCAT or by the courts.
4. The tribunal is to commence operations on 1 December 2009.
5. The Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No.1) 2009 amends the *Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Regulation 2009* to prescribe fees payable under the Act.
6. Cabinet endorsed that the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No.1) 2009 in accordance with the draft attached to the submission be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
7. Cabinet noted that the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No.1) 2009 would be laid before the Legislative Assembly within 14 sitting days after publication in the Government Gazette.
8. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No.1) 2009](Attachments/Reg.pdf)