1. The Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) is the State’s independent economic regulator consisting of members appointed by the Governor in Council. It is established under the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (the QCA Act) as Queensland’s economic regulator to facilitate amongst other things, monopoly prices oversight and third party access regulation across a number of industries. It now also runs the Office of Best Practice Regulation, which commenced operation this year.
2. Under the QCA Act, the QCA Board is to comprise of at least three members each of whom may be appointed for a term not exceeding five years. Members collectively must have knowledge and understanding of commerce, economics, the interests of consumers and the interests of the Government in government agencies that carry on business activities.
3. Members are appointed by the Governor in Council.
4. The terms of the Deputy Chairperson and one Member expired on 8 April 2013.
5. Cabinet endorsed that Dr David Watson be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as Deputy Chairperson for three year term commencing on 9 April 2013.
6. *Attachments*
* Nil