1. Section 20 of the *Electoral Act 1992* provides that there is to be an Electoral Commissioner.
2. The role of the Electoral Commissioner is to administer the electoral laws of Queensland, conduct free and democratic parliamentary and industrial elections and review local government boundaries.
3. The Electoral Commissioner is also responsible for the management of the Electoral Commission of Queensland.
4. Following the end of the previous Electoral Commissioner’s term of appointment, the role of electoral commissioner was advertised in *The Courier-Mail* and *The Weekend Australian*. A selection panel was formed to consider applications, conduct interviews and make recommendations to the Attorney-General on the most suitable person for appointment.
5. The panel unanimously agreed that Mr Walter van der Merwe be recommended for appointment as the Electoral Commissioner.
6. Cabinet approved that Mr Walter van der Merwe be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as the Electoral Commissioner for a term of seven years commencing on and from the day following Governor in Council approval.
7. *Attachments*

* Nil.