1. In June 2017, the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services announced the intention to consult with the community and key stakeholders about expanding the public reporting of patient safety in Queensland. .
2. Evidence from both Australia and international jurisdictions continues to confirm that the safest hospitals which provide the highest quality of care to patients are those that have a dedicated focus on establishing and promoting a strong safety culture which is underpinned by open transparent reporting on patient safety and quality.
3. A Discussion Paper, *Expanding patient safety and quality across Queensland’s health system*,has been prepared for community feedback. The Discussion Paper will assist in seeking responses from the community – patients, clinicians, health organisations, the media and others about their views and expectations for reporting on patient safety and quality for both public and private hospitals across Queensland.
4. The overarching desire is to further enhance information available to patients, improve transparency for healthcare professionals and support the efforts of those funding, reporting on and regulating healthcare services into the future, with the clear intention to continue to drive improvements that maintain Queensland’s leading health system.
5. Feedback provided on this Discussion Paper will be used to inform a policy approach to achieving expanded public reporting of patient safety and quality.
6. Cabinet endorsed the public release of the Discussion Paper *Expanding patient safety and quality reporting across Queensland’s health system*, via the Queensland Government website ‘Get Involved’ and the Queensland Health Website.
7. *Attachments*
* [Discussion Paper - *Expanding patient safety and quality reporting across Queensland’s health system*](Attachments/Paper.pdf)