1. The justice portfolio encompasses the administration of over 150 statutes which are periodically reviewed to identify amendments to ensure that the Acts continue to operate in the manner intended.
2. The Court and Civil Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 makes miscellaneous amendments to various statutes in the justice portfolio, including amendments to:
* the *Classification of Computer Games and Images Act 1995*, the *Classification of Films Act 1991* and the *Classification of Publications Act 1991* to align with corresponding Commonwealth legislation and remove all references to classification officers;
* the *Information Privacy Act 2009* to allow disclosure of personal information to the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation in appropriate cases;
* the *Magistrates Act 1991* to increase the age limit for acting magistrates, who are retired magistrates, to 75 years;
* the *Ombudsman Act 2001* to: enable the Ombudsman to deal more efficiently and effectively with complaints through an improved ability to protect complainants and witnesses; and improving the Ombudsman’s ability to obtain and control the release of sensitive information;
* the *Property Law Act 1974* to prohibit statutory instruments (other than prescribed subordinate legislation) from rendering void, unenforceable or subject to termination, contracts or dealings concerning property that are made, entered into or effected contrary to the statutory instrument;
* the *Public Guardian Act 2014* to clarify that the functions and powers of the Public Guardian in relation to a relevant child can be exercised from the time an application for an order under the *Child Protection Act 1999* is filed until the application is finalised and arrangements are no longer in place for that child;
* the *Succession Act 1981* to clarify when the stepchild relationship ends (for family provision applications) and to revoke certain dispositions in a will upon the end of a de facto relationship;
* the *Trusts Act 1973* to achieve consistency with the *Powers of Attorney Act 1998* by removing the requirement that the delegation of the administration of a trust is to be made by power of attorney executed as a deed; and
* other justice portfolio statutes to streamline administrative processes, repeal redundant legislation, clarify various provisions and make amendments of a technical or drafting nature.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Court and Civil Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Court and Civil Legislation Amendment Bill 2017](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)