1. On 1 December 2016, the *Queensland Parole System Review Report Final Report* (review report) was delivered by Mr Sofronoff to Government. The review report made
91 recommendations for complete reform of Queensland’s parole system.
2. On 16 February 2017, the Premier and Minister for the Arts tabled the review report in the Legislative Assembly along with Government response. The Government accepted the recommendations to establish a new, independent, professional Parole Board.
3. The Premier and Minister for the Arts also announced that Mr Michael Byrne QC would be engaged to serve as President-Designate for the Parole Board to oversee the establishment of the new Board, its secretariat and work processes.
4. The Parole Board Queensland is solely responsible for all decision-making with respect to parole applications, amendments, suspensions and cancellations in Queensland. Parole Board Queensland is an independent statutory body.
5. Cabinet confirmed the appointment of Mr Michael Byrne QC as the President-Designate of the Parole Board Queensland.
6. Cabinet approved the appointment of Ms Julie Sharp and Mr Peter Joseph Shields as the Deputy Presidents-Designate of the Parole Board Queensland.
7. Cabinet endorsed that the following recommendations be made to the Governor in Council for a term of five years commencing from the date of commencement of the Corrective Services (Parole Board) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2017:
* Mr Michael Byrne QC for appointment as President of the Parole Board Queensland.
* Ms Julie Sharp and Mr Peter Joseph Shields for appointment as Deputy Presidents to the Parole Board Queensland.
1. *Attachments*
* Nil.