1. The Government is in the final stages of completing a review of the regulatory framework for plumbing and drainage in Queensland. The scope of the review included the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002* (the Act), associated regulations and associated codes to ensure their continued relevance.
2. The Plumbing and Drainage Bill 2017 (the Bill) represents the first stage of reforms which will result in the introduction of a new plumbing Act, new regulation and a revised Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code.
3. The Bill repeals the existing Act and introduces a new Act which establishes the legislative framework for plumbing and drainage in Queensland to streamline regulatory processes and proposes a two stream model (fast track and standard) to deliver faster plumbing permit approvals, resulting in reduced construction times benefiting the construction industry, building and plumbing licensees and Queensland home owners.
4. The Bill also implements structural reforms in order to make the laws easier to understand. Structural reform proposals have been made in response to feedback from key industry stakeholders including licensees and the community. The plumbing legislation has been redrafted and restructured to be more user-friendly for industry and consumers and to promote improved compliance.
5. The Bill will introduce a new mechanical services occupational licence class, which includes medical gas work. The licence is aimed at improving the health and safety of the community when attending high-risk buildings such as hospitals and shopping centers.
6. Cabinet approved that the Plumbing and Drainage Bill 2017 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
7. *Attachments*
   * [Plumbing and Drainage Bill 2017](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
   * [Explanatory notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)