1. The Queensland Competition Authority Amendment Bill 2018 (the Bill) amends Queensland’s third party access regime contained under the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*.
2. The Queensland access regime sets out a framework which provides a legal right for a party seeking access to a declared service to negotiate terms and conditions of access with the access provider.
3. The primary purpose of the Bill is to amend the access criteria used to determine the application of the access regulation. The amended criteria will restore certainty in the access regulation and reflects updated criteria being introduced at the national level through changes to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) *Competition Principles Agreement 1995*.
4. The Bill also makes other changes designed to improve the timeliness of access undertaking processes.
5. Cabinet approved the Queensland Competition Authority Amendment Bill 2018 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Competition Authority Amendment Bill 2018](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)