1. The *Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Act 2017* (Commonwealth) (MADRF Act) commenced in December 2017. The MADRF Act introduced marriage equality by amending the definition of marriage to enable same-sex couples to marry.
2. All Australians regardless of sex or gender have the right to be married in Australia. Same-sex marriages have been taking place since the commencement of the MADRF Act.
3. An amendment to section 22 of the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2003* reflects the introduction of marriage equality and removes discrimination against married sex and gender diverse Queenslanders seeking to note the reassignment of their sex on the birth or adopted children register.
4. Cabinet approved the amendment to section 22 of the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2003*,to remove the restriction on noting the reassignment of a married person’s sex on the register of births, be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
5. *Attachments*
* [Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Amendment Bill 2018](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)