1. Established under the *Mental Health Act 2016*, the Mental Health Court is constituted by a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland, assisted in relation to psychiatric and medical matters by one or two assisting clinicians to enable mentally ill and intellectually disabled offenders to be moved from the criminal justice system into the mental health system.
2. An assisting clinician may be a psychiatrist or a person with professional expertise in the care of persons who have an intellectual disability.
3. The functions of the Mental Health Court are to determine references concerning questions of unsoundness of mind and fitness for trial in relation to a person with a mental illness or intellectual disability who are charged with an indictable offence, to determine appeals from the Mental Health Review Tribunal, and to inquire into the lawfulness of a patient’s detention in authorised mental health services.
4. Cabinet endorsed that the following be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as assisting clinicians to the Mental Health Court for a term commencing on the date published in the Queensland Government Gazette up to and including 28 February 2021:
* Dr Elizabeth McVie
* Dr Ross Phillipson
* Dr Subramanian Purushothaman
* Dr Alexandra Simpson.
1. *Attachments*
* Nil.