1. The Community Based Sentences (Interstate Transfer) Bill 2019 (the Bill) provides for Queensland’s participation in the national scheme for the formal transfer and enforcement of community based sentences between Australian jurisdictions. National model legislation currently operates in relation to the transfer of prisoners and those on parole, and this Bill extends the principle to community based sentences.
2. Community based sentences are imposed by a court as an alternative to imprisonment, to be served within the community. In Queensland this includes probation, community service orders, intensive correction orders, and drug and alcohol treatment orders made under the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992*. For majority of these orders, depending on specific conditions imposed, there are comparable community based sentences in other jurisdictions across Australia.
3. The Bill provides the ability for adult offenders with a community based sentence to have their sentence registered and managed interstate by implementing a co-operative transfer scheme which requires the voluntary participation of all parties. The Bill formalises existing informal arrangements between jurisdictions to ensure that offenders on community based sentences are appropriately supervised and that breach action can be swiftly and legally enforced.
4. The implementation of national model legislation in Queensland to support the supervision of community based offenders from other states and territories will contribute to the Government’s objective of Keep Communities Safe in *Our Future State: Advancing Queensland’s Priorities.*
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Community Based Sentences (Interstate Transfer) Bill 2019 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Community Based Sentences (Interstate Transfer) Bill 2019](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)