1. The Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 (the Bill) amends:
   * the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* to implement recommendations of the expert panel appointed to advise on Queensland Health’s governance framework by:

* moving Queensland’s public sector health services to a networked governance model; and
* removing institutional barriers to public sector health services and implement important changes to strengthen the Queensland Government’s commitment to achieving health equity for Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
  + the *Public Health Act 2005* to prohibit conversion therapy by health service providers; and
  + other health portfolio legislation to support the effective operation of those Acts.

1. The Bill is designed to enhance the governance framework for public sector health services by amending the Hospital and Health Boards Act to emphasise that Queensland’s health system is a networked system and recognise the need for Queensland Health and Hospital and Health Services to ensure the resources of the Queensland public sector health system are used effectively and efficiently.
2. The Bill includes the Queensland Government’s commitment to health equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by amending the Hospital and Health Boards Act to:
   * include a commitment to achieving health equity for, and delivering responsive, capable and culturally competent health care to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people;
   * mandate that each Hospital and Health Board have one or more Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander board member; and
   * require each Hospital and Health Service have a Health Equity Strategy that sets out the activities towards achieving health equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
3. The Bill will prohibit practices by health service professionals in healthcare settings that attempt to change or suppress a person’s sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, to recognise these practices may be harmful to LGBTIQ individuals and are not evidence-based.
4. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 into the Legislative Assembly.
5. *Attachments*
   * [Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2019](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
   * [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)