1. The mechanical services licensing framework regulates work on heating and cooling systems in complex buildings and work on medical gas systems. These systems contribute to the overall health and safety of the community and can have fatal consequences if incorrectly installed or maintained. For example, legionella bacteria can grow and spread through air conditioning units for large buildings, such as those in medical facilities and shopping centres.
2. On 11 September 2018, the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018* commenced and among other things amended the *Queensland Building and Construction Commission Act 1991* (QBCC Act) to create a new mechanical services licence, including work on medical gas systems.
3. While the QBCC Act establishes the mechanical services licence, the *Queensland Building and Construction Commission Regulation 2018* prescribes the technical details of the licensing framework.
4. From 6 June 2019 to 5 July 2019, feedback on the technical details of the licensing framework was sought via the release of a Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS). This document sought feedback on proposed licence classes, scopes of work, licensing eligibility requirements (experience, managerial and technical qualifications) and ways to transition industry to the new licence.
5. Cabinet approved the release of the Mechanical Services Regulation Decision Regulatory Impact Statement.
6. Cabinet endorsed the *Queensland Building and Construction Commission (Mechanical Services Licences) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2019* be recommended to the Governor in Council.
7. *Attachments*
* [Mechanical Services Regulation - Decision Regulatory Impact Statement](Attachments/RIS.PDF)
* [*Queensland Building and Construction Commission (Mechanical Services Licences) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2019*](Attachments/Reg.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)