1. On 11 March 2020, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak was characterised as a pandemic by the World Health Organisation.
2. The Queensland Government has undertaken extensive activities to prepare for the impact of COVID-19 and to protect the health and safety of all Queenslanders.
3. The ability for meetings of the Executive Council to be conducted by technological means has been identified as an important measure to ensure the business of government can continue throughout the COVID-19 outbreak.
4. The amendments to the *Constitution of Queensland Act 2001* provide that a meeting of the Executive Council may be held using any technology allowing reasonably contemporaneous and continuous communication between Executive Council members. This will support the use of technology such as teleconferencing or video conferencing.
5. Cabinet approved amendments to the *Constitution of Queensland 2001* be prepared to enable meetings of the Executive Council to be conducted by technological means, such as teleconferencing or video conferencing.
6. Cabinet approved the amendments in accordance with the draft Bill, Explanatory Notesand Statement of Compatibility be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
7. Cabinet noted that the amendments would need to be passed by an absolute majority of the Legislative Assembly in accordance with section 4A of the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*.
8. *Attachments*
	* [Public Health and Other Legislation (Public Health Emergency) Amendment Bill 2020](Attachments/Bill.PDF) (refer Part 3 for the amendments to the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*)
	* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
	* [Statement of Compatibility](Attachments/SoC.PDF)