1. The Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 (the Bill) modernises the legislative framework governing Protective Services and amends the identification requirements for police officers acting as public officials under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, the *Forestry Act 1959*, the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* and the *Marine Parks Act 2004* (Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service Legislation).
2. Protective Services provides security services for state government buildings and has been integrated with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) since 2016. The Bill improves the effectiveness and operability of Protective Services by:
* repealing the *State Buildings Protective Security Act 1983* and the *State Buildings Protective Security Regulation 2008* through relocating relevant provisions to the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* (PPRA) and the *Police Service Administration Act 1990*;
* amalgamating protective security officers and senior protective security officers into one group called protective services officers (PSOs);
* consolidating and rationalising the security powers that may be exercised by police officers and PSOs in state buildings;
* authorising PSOs to seize contraband located in the performance of their duties;
* ensuring that the statutory protections available to police officers who are required to use force in the performance of their duties extends to PSOs;
* introducing a new offence provision prohibiting the impersonation of a PSO;
* clarifying that the offence to assault or resist a PSO includes obstructing a PSO;
* expanding the QPS alcohol and drug testing regime to apply to PSOs; and
* authorising PSOs to use body-worn cameras.
1. The Bill removes requirements within Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service Legislation that the administering Minister or chief executive must issue identity cards to police officers appointed as public officials for this legislation, and that the identity card must be produced when an officer is exercising a power under this legislation. These requirements are superfluous as police officers are already obliged under the PPRA to produce their police identification if the officer is exercising a power as a public official and is not in uniform.
2. The Bill also requires all conservation officers, other than police officers, to produce their identity card when exercising powers under *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, regardless of whether the conservation officer is in uniform.
3. Cabinet approved that the Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 (Bill) be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
4. Cabinet noted that the Bill be referred to an appropriate Parliamentary Portfolio Committee for consideration and report.
5. *Attachments*
* [Police Service Administration and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Statement of Compatibility with the *Human Rights Act 2019*](Attachments/SoC.PDF)