1. On 8 December 2020, the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and Minsters for Rural Communities announced a review of the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* (ACPA).
2. The amendments contained in the Bill are informed by public and targeted stakeholder consultation on the ACPA, consideration of national and international animal welfare legislation and scientific literature. The Bill provides new offence provisions and amendments that strengthen the framework of the ACPA and provide inspectors with enhanced powers to respond to animal welfare complaints.
3. The Bill also contains amendments to: the ACPA and *Racing Integrity Act 2016* that implement recommendations of the 2020 *Inquiry into Animal Cruelty in the Management of Retired Thoroughbred and Standardbred Racehorses* (the Martin Inquiry); the ACPA that implement the 2021 Queensland Audit Office report on *Regulating Animal Welfare*; and the ACPA and the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1936* fulfilling Queensland Government commitments with regard to accreditation of laypersons to conduct spaying and pregnancy testing of cattle.
4. The Bill also includes consequential and minor amendments to the *Disability Services Act 2006*.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
   * [Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
   * [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
   * [Human Rights Statement of Compatibility](Attachments/SoC.PDF)