1. Parole Board Queensland (the Board) is established under Section 216 of the *Corrective Services Act 2006* (the Act).
2. The Board is a vital part of the criminal justice system with the highest priority being the safety of the community. It is responsible for making evidence-based decisions about a prisoner’s release into the community under supervision in order to release prisoners on parole in accordance with statutory timeframes and to ensure the human rights of prisoners are not impacted.
3. The Board is currently represented by forty (40) appointed members:
* one president;
* two deputy presidents;
* five professional board members; and
* 32 community board members.
1. In addition there are five police representatives and nine public servant representatives on the Board.
2. Section 222(1) of the Act provides that the president must either:
3. be a former judge of a State court, the High Court or a court constituted under a Commonwealth Act; or
4. have qualifications, experience or standing the Governor in Council considers equivalent to a judge of a State court, the High Court or a court constituted under a Commonwealth Act.
5. Section 222(2) of the Act provides that the deputy president must either:
6. be a former judge of a State court, the High Court or a court constituted under a Commonwealth Act; or
7. be a former magistrate (including a magistrate appointed under the law of another State); or
8. have qualifications, experience or standing the Governor in Council considers equivalent to that of a magistrate or judge of a State court, the High Court or a court constituted under a Commonwealth Act.
9. Section 224(1) of the Act provides that the president and each deputy president holds office for a term, not longer than five years, stated in the board member’s instrument of appointment. However, a person holding office as the president or a deputy president may be reappointed to the office only if no term of appointment is longer than 5 years; and the person does not hold the office for more than 10 years in total.
10. Cabinet endorsed recommending to the Governor in Council the appointment of Mr Michael Byrne QC as President and Ms Julie Sharp and Mr Peter Shields as Deputy Presidents of Parole Board Queensland for a term of five years commencing from 3 July 2022.
11. *Attachments*:
* Nil.