1. On 20 July 2018, the former Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Leader of the House asked the Queensland Law Reform Commission (QLRC) to review Queensland’s laws relating to civil surveillance and the protection of privacy in the context of current and emerging technologies.
2. On 29 June 2020, the QLRC’s Report No. 77 - *Review of Queensland’s laws relating to civil surveillance and the protection of privacy in the context of current and emerging technologies* (QLRC Report) was tabled in the Legislative Assembly.
3. The QLRC concluded that there is a need for a more comprehensive legislative response to protect the privacy of individuals and address ‘gaps and uncertainties’ in relation to the use of surveillance devices in civil society in Queensland. It recommended that the *Invasion of Privacy Act 1971* be repealed and replaced by the draft Surveillance Devices Bill 2020 (QLRC draft Bill) which encompasses the QLRC report recommendations in legislative form.
4. A Consultation Paper – *Civil surveillance reforms -* has been developed to seek public consultation on:
   * a proposed staged approach to civil surveillance reforms recommended by QRLC Report; and
   * those aspects of the QLRC draft Bill that impose the use prohibitions and communication or publication prohibitions with respect to surveillance devices.
5. Cabinet approved the release of a consultation paper – *Civil surveillance reforms* for broad public consultation.
6. *Attachments*:
   * [Consultation Paper – *Civil surveillance reforms*](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Apr/CivSurvReforms/Attachments/Paper.PDF)