1. The *Emblems of Queensland Act 2005* (Emblems Act) prescribes the eight official emblems which are used to identify the state including the Coat of Arms, the State Badge, the State Flag, and the Floral (the Cooktown orchid), Faunal (the koala), Bird (the brolga), Gem (the sapphire) and Aquatic (barrier reef anemone fish) emblems.
2. On 22 October 2022, it was announced that the State fossil emblem is the *Muttaburrasaurus langdoni*. To officially recognise *Muttaburrasaurus langdoni* as the State fossil emblem, amendment of the Emblems Act is required.
3. In addition to legislating the State fossil emblem, the Emblems of Queensland and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 (the Bill) amends certain Acts to address minor and technical issues raised by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the Clerk of the Parliament. The Bill includes amendments to the:
* *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* to (1) refine the process by which a member of the Legislative Assembly in a state of ill health has their request for a proxy vote notified to the Assembly, (2) retrospectively clarify that since 23 April 1998, members of parliamentary committees have been able to participate in committee meetings by telephone, video or other electronic means, and (3) update a number of cross references in the Act to definitions that are explained and provided for in the *Electoral Act 1992*.
* *Crime and Corruption Act 2001* to retrospectively clarify that since 23 April 1998, members of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee and its predecessor committees have been able to participate in committee meetings by telephone, video or other electronic means, and
* *Parliamentary Service Act 1988* (PS Act) to (1) rectify an oversight from 1995, and provide that for the purposes of the PS Act, the Legislative Assembly chamber and its galleries are considered to be part of the parliamentary precinct when the Legislative Assembly is sitting thus allowing persons accused of less serious infringements of disturbing the Assembly to be pursued by way of summary offence under the *Justices Act 1886* and
(2) it is the Speaker rather than the Minister responsible for the PS Act, who must prepare the human rights certificate and explanatory notes for by-laws and rules made by the Speaker under the PS Act.
1. Cabinet approved that the Emblems of Queensland and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*:
* [Emblems of Queensland and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Aug/EmblemsBill/Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Aug/EmblemsBill/Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Statement of Compatibility](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Aug/EmblemsBill/Attachments/SoC.PDF)