1. The justice portfolio encompasses the administration of over 200 statutes which are periodically reviewed to identify amendments to ensure that the Acts continue to operate in the manner intended. Other amendments to legislation may be identified as a result of court or tribunal decisions or representations by administering agencies and stakeholders.
2. The Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 (the Bill) makes miscellaneous amendments to over 30 pieces of legislation, including amendments to:
* modernise the *Appeal Costs Fund Act 1973* and improve its current fee and administrative arrangements;
* the Criminal Code, *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992*, *Youth Justice Act 1992,* and *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009* to enhance the recognition of the death of an unborn child as a result of an offence committed in relation to a pregnant person;
* the Criminal Code, section 319A, to clarify the scope of the offence of an unqualified person assisting in the performance of a termination of pregnancy with respect to ‘supplying or procuring the supply of a termination drug’;
* remove restrictions in the *Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 1978* which prohibit identification of an adult defendant charged with a prescribed sexual offence prior to finalisation of committal proceedings;
* the *Electoral Act 1992* to improve voter enfranchisement and administrative efficiency ahead of the 2024 state election;
* the *Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations Act 1991* to enhance appointment, disqualification and complaints processes for justices of the peace and commissioners for declarations;
* the *Legal Profession Act 2007* to deliver on the Government’s electoral commitments to allow a law practice to destroy or dispose of client documents in certain circumstances and increase the cost disclosure threshold to $3,000;
* address issues that have arisen in the implementation of amendments made to the *Oaths Act 1867* by the *Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2021*; and
* streamline processes around the advertising and appointment of various positions within QCAT under the *Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009*.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*:
* [Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/May/JOLAB/Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/May/JOLAB/Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/May/JOLAB/Attachments/SoC.PDF)