1. The Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 (the Bill) is the second stage of emergency service and disaster management reforms being undertaken to meet recommendations made in the following reviews: the *Independent Review of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services* by KPMG International Limited*;* and the Inspector-General of Emergency Management *Review of Queensland’s Disaster Management Arrangements*.
2. The Bill enhances the Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements through amendments to the *Disaster Management Act 2003* (DM Act) that include:
   * emphasising the Queensland Disaster Management Committee as the paramount body providing strategic leadership during events and crises;
   * providing that the chief executive officer of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) must be appointed as the State Recovery Policy and Planning Coordinator (SRPPC);
   * outlining the functions of the SRPPC and its relationship with the State Recovery Coordinator and State Disaster Coordinator; and
   * defining the term ‘resilience’ within the DM Act.
3. The Bill also amends the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990* by:
   * renaming the Act as the *Fire Services Act 1990;*
   * establishing Queensland Fire and Rescue (QFR) and the Rural Fire Service Queensland (RFSQ) as dedicated fire services under the Act;
   * setting out the Commissioner’s responsibilities to ensure the efficient and effective management of the fire services;
   * providing clarity as to the experience required to perform certain roles in the fire services;
   * consolidating the Commissioner’s authority to give directions to support service delivery and the management of the fire services;
   * establishing the role of Chief Fire Officer, responsible for advising the Commissioner on service delivery, operational culture, best practice and innovation and research;
   * specifying the functions of RFSQ, establishing the role of Chief Officer, RFSQ and an RFSQ advisory committee to advise on RFSQ and rural fire brigade matters;
   * addressing issues regarding the legal status of rural fire brigades and volunteer protections; and
   * requiring the installation of a working, photoelectric smoke alarm in newly registered caravans and motorised caravans, those for which the registration is transferring and all remaining registered caravans and motorised caravans in Queensland from January 2027.
4. Finally, the Bill amends the *Queensland Reconstruction Authority Act 2011* by:
   * expanding the QRA’s functions to lead state level hazard and risk assessments; and
   * addressing minor matters regarding the delegation of chief executive functions and the quorum of the Queensland Reconstruction Board.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. Cabinet noted that the Bill be referred to a parliamentary portfolio committee for consideration and report.
7. *Attachments*:
   * [Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2024/Mar/DMOLAB/Attachments/Bill.PDF)
   * [Explanatory Notes](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2024/Mar/DMOLAB/Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
   * [Statement of Compatibility](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2024/Mar/DMOLAB/Attachments/SoC.PDF)