1. The Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 implements election commitments made by the Government in the ‘*Improving safety for Queenslanders at work*’ policy platform.
2. Key changes being given effect by the Bill include:
* reinstate common law rights for injured workers that were affected by changes made by the Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2013;
* provide greater certainty of entitlement and accessibility to compensation for firefighters by introducing deemed disease provisions for firefighters with prescribed diseases; and
* removing the entitlement of prospective employers to access an individual’s workers’ compensation claims history.
1. The Bill also makes a number of other minor miscellaneous amendments that will improve the day-to-day operation of Queensland’s workers’ compensation scheme. This includes minor amendments to *Electrical Safety Act 2002* and the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* to ensure consistency in similar regulatory functions across these three acts.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 into the Legislative Assembly.
3. *Attachments*
* [Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)