1. The *Weapons Legislation (Replica Firearms) Amendment Regulation 2020* (the Amendment Regulation) amends the *Weapons Categories Regulation 1997* to address a rise in police calls for assistance relating to replica firearms.
2. The Amendment Regulation adds replica firearms to the category of restricted items. It also removes replica firearms, that are not also functioning firearms, from category R weapons so that they, too, become restricted items.
3. The amendments also include permanently inoperable category A, B or C weapons as restricted items as these also fall within the definition of replica firearm.
4. It is unlawful to possess a restricted item without a reasonable excuse and there is an obligation on those in possession of such an item to store it securely and restrict access to those without a reasonable excuse to possess it.
5. The amendments also clarify that the change does not apply to replica firearms possessed under the provisions of a theatrical ordnance licence or a blank-fire firearms licence.
6. Cabinet approved the policy to limit replica firearms in Queensland through the categorisation of replica firearms as ‘restricted items’, with possession limited by reasonable excuse.
7. Cabinet approved that the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services consult with the Minister’s Firearm Advisory Forum, the relevant Backbench Committee and other relevant impacted organisations, and advises the premier and Minister for Trade of the results of this consultation prior to the finalisation of the regulation.
8. Cabinet endorsed that the *Weapons Legislation (Replica Firearms) Amendment Regulation 2020* be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval subject to final approval by the Premier and Minister for Trade following consideration of results of consultation.
9. Attachments
* [*Weapons Legislation (Replica Firearms) Amendment Regulation 2020*](Attachments/Reg.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Human Rights Certificate](Attachments/HRC.PDF)