1. The amendments to the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* create the position of Deputy Chief Health Officer to support the Chief Health Officer in exercising the Chief Health Officer’s functions under the *Public Health Act 2005* during the COVID-19 emergency and afterwards.
2. The amendments to the *Public Health Act 2005*:
* allow the Chief Health Officer to delegate some COVID-19 emergency powers to the Deputy Chief Health Officer or appropriately qualified officers;
* clarify the Chief Health Officer and Deputy Chief Health Officer are protected from civil liability under the *Public Service Act 2008*, even though they are not expressly protected from liability under the Public Health Act;
* authorise contact tracing officers to exercise their functions outside of Queensland or in relation to persons outside Queensland so that they may assist Victoria with contact tracing; and
* increase the penalties for breaching public health directions to 100 penalty units and six months’ imprisonment.
1. The amendments strengthen Queensland’s public health response to the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing support and protecting to the Chief Health Officer in performing functions, including functions under the *Public Health Act 2005*, by ensuring strong deterrence against breaching public health directions by strengthening penalties and by allowing Queensland to assist other jurisdictions to contain the spread of COVID-19.
2. Cabinet approved the preparation of amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of a suitable Bill.
3. *Attachments*:
* [Amendments during consideration in detail to the Corrective Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020](Attachments/ACiDs.PDF) (refer Part 3A for amendments to *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* and Part 3B for amendments to *Public Health Act 2005*)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Human Rights Statement of Compatibility](Attachments/HRSoC.PDF)