1. On 29 January 2020, a public health emergency was declared under section 319 of the *Public Health Act 2005* for COVID-19.
2. Since 28 March 2020, a public health direction made by the Chief Health Officer has been in place requiring anyone arriving in Queensland from overseas to self-quarantine for a period of 14 days in a hotel or other premises nominated by an emergency officer for the Public Health Act.
3. From 1 July 2020, international arrivals returning to Queensland will be required to pay a fee to contribute to the costs of mandatory quarantine. The fee will be payable within 30 days from the date of invoice issued by Queensland Health.
4. A hardship scheme has been developed for vulnerable cohorts, including those who face financial hardship or those with significant health issues. An option to pay in instalments will also be offered.
5. Amendments to the *Public Health Act 2005*:
* insert a head of power to allow a fee to be charged for the costs of quarantine; and
* allow all or part of the fee to be waived, to enable the operation of the hardship scheme.
1. Cabinet approved the amendments to the *Public Health Act 2005*, be moved during consideration in detail of a suitable Bill, accompanied by the explanatory notes and Statement of Compatibility.
2. *Attachments*
* [Amendments during consideration in detail of Community Services Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Bill 2019](Attachments/ACiDs.PDF) (refer pages 30-35 for amendments to *Public Health Act 2005*)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Statement of Compatibility](Attachments/SoC.PDF)