1. The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (Bill) will strengthen public safety and confidence in health services and improve the operation of the national registration and accreditation scheme for health professions.
2. The Bill amends the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (National Law), set out in the scheduled to the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009* (Qld), and *Health Ombudsman Act 2013* to:
* refocus the guiding principles and objectives of the National Law by making protection of the public and public confidence in the safety of health services paramount and setting clear expectations for decision-makers to foster culturally safe health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples;
* increase and strengthen regulatory responses to risk, including by requiring registered practitioners and students to report scheduled medicine offences, removing barriers to information sharing to protect the public and allowing Queensland’s Health Ombudsman to accept undertakings from practitioners;
* improve the registration process, including by allowing National Boards to withdraw a practitioner’s registration if it was improperly obtained because of the provision of false or misleading information and by allowing practitioners to include an alternative name on the public register; and
* improve the governance and efficiency of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for the health professions by streamlining referral pathways and updating the functions of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory Agency to reflect its central role in managing the National Scheme.
1. The Bill also amends the local application provisions in the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009* (Qld) to ensure the amendments to the National Law operate effectively in Queensland’s co-regulatory arrangements.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 into the Legislative Assembly.
3. *Attachments*:
* [Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2022/May/HPRNLOLAB2022/Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes for the Bill](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2022/May/HPRNLOLAB2022/Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Human Rights Statement of Compatibility for the Bill](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2022/May/HPRNLOLAB2022/Attachments/SoC.PDF)