

# **Major Sports Facilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025**

## **Explanatory Notes**

### **FOR**

### **Amendments to be moved during consideration in detail by the Honourable Tim Mander MP, Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games**

#### **Short Title of the Bill**

The short title of the Bill is the *Major Sports Facilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025*.

#### **Policy objectives of the amendments**

##### **Amendments to the *Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021***

The objectives of the amendments to the *Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangement Act 2021* to be moved during consideration in detail of the Major Sports Facilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (the Bill) are to:

- Build upon the legislative framework established by the *Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021* (BOPGA Act) to support the effective planning, delivery, and governance of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Games).
- Incorporate provisions into the BOPGA Act to define the designated Olympic and Paralympic villages (Schedule 3) and Games-related transport infrastructure (Schedule 4).
- Provide the necessary tenure arrangements for the new Brisbane Stadium and National Aquatic Centre at Victoria Park. These tenure arrangements will cancel the Deed of Grant in Trust, to convert the land tenure of Victoria Park (and other land) to an estate in fee simple to:
  - ensure that the Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority (GIICA) is able to commence construction works for the Brisbane Stadium and

National Aquatic Centre on 1 June 2026 and accordingly deliver the Brisbane Stadium and National Aquatic Centre in time for the Games; and

- facilitate the timely delivery of the Brisbane Stadium and National Aquatic Centre at Victoria Park for the Games.
- Insert the Brisbane Athletes Village as a village as contemplated by Section 5C of the BOPGA Act.
- Insert Games-related transport infrastructure which has been identified by the Chief Executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads – where it has been identified in Schedule 4.
- Include the Gabba Arena as an Other Venue in the BOPGA Act, to facilitate the timely delivery of the arena to ensure it is available for the Games.
- Amend the current BOPGA Act to confirm that GIICA is only required to oversee other venues when directed by the Minister.
- Make other consequential amendments to clarify that development undertaken for a Games-related use may be utilised prior to commencement of the Games-related use.

### **Amendments related to the *Major Events Act 2014* in the Bill**

The timing of commencement of the Bill has implications for the regulation to prescribe the AFC Women’s Asian Cup 2026 (AFC WAC26) as a ‘major event’ under the *Major Events Act 2014* (ME Act).

AFC WAC26 will be held in March 2026, with Queensland securing six matches to be played at the Robina (Cbus Super) Stadium between 2 and 19 March 2026.

The ME Act can be triggered by regulation to facilitate major events in Queensland. AFC WAC26 is a high-profile international sporting event, and the AFC WAC26 Local Organising Committee has concerns around ambush marketing, unlawful ticket reselling and crowd management.

A regulation is proposed to be progressed for Governor in Council consideration in early 2026, to prescribe AFC WAC26 matches held in Queensland as a major event under the ME Act. This will ensure appropriate protections are in place to support the safe and successful hosting of the tournament.

The regulation prescribing the AFC WAC26 as a major event must be in place prior to the commencement of the national tournament in Perth on 1 March 2026.

There is a risk that without managing commencement of the ME Act amendments proposed in the Bill, the ongoing validity of the AFC WAC26 regulation could be affected by the Bill’s commencement, as the regulation will be made under the ME Act prior to amendments emanating from this Bill. As such, a prudent approach to commencement of ME Act amendments is required.

The objective of the ME Act-related amendment to be moved during consideration in detail is to provide for a two-stage commencement for ME Act amendments proceeding under the Bill, to ensure:

- the regulation prescribing AFC WAC26 as a major event continues to be valid; and
- amendments increasing penalties for unlawful ticket reselling under both the ME Act and the *Major Sports Facilities Act 2001* commence at the same time, avoiding inconsistency across the statute book.

### **Amendments to the *Racing Act 2002***

The *Racing Act 2002* (Racing Act) establishes the Racing Queensland Board (Board) as the statutory control body for the thoroughbred, harness and greyhound codes of racing in Queensland. The Board is responsible for the management, operation, development and promotion of those statutory codes of racing in Queensland.

On 1 March 2025, the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games announced the Queensland Racing Review 2025 (Review) by releasing *On Track: Ensuring a sustainable and vibrant future for Queensland's racing sector* to help facilitate consultation on the Review. Outcomes of the Review, contained in the Queensland Racing Review Recommendation Report (Recommendation Report) were provided to the Queensland Government on 30 September 2025.

The Next Lap: A plan for the future of Queensland racing (Response), was published on 6 December 2025 in response to the Recommendation Report. Of the 110 recommendations contained in the Recommendation Report, the Queensland Government has accepted 79 recommendations, accepted 26 recommendations in-principle and five recommendations were not accepted.

A key focus area of the Response is to deliver a streamlined racing governance model, including broadening expertise on the Board. To drive implementation of the Response, and to deliver on the Government's acceptance of the Review recommendation to reform the Board, urgent amendments are required to the Racing Act to change Board appointment requirements.

The proposed amendments to be moved during consideration in detail amend the Racing Act to urgently effect the implementation of Recommendations 3, 4, 77 and 88 of the Response relating to the Board.

## Achievement of policy objectives

### Amendments to the *Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021*

These Amendments progress the intent of the amendments made to the BOPGA Act by the amending act of 2025 the *Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025*, to facilitate the delivery of the designated Olympic and Paralympic venues, villages and Games-related transport infrastructure to satisfy the State's obligations for the Games; and ensure Queensland's readiness to successfully host, and maximise the legacy and benefits from, the Games.

The resolution of the limitation of the current tenure arrangements in Victoria Park will enliven GIICA's ability to deliver the Brisbane Stadium and the National Aquatic Centre to be used for the Games.

The inclusion of the Gabba Arena within the BOPGA Act affords it the provisions of the BOPGA Act to ensure that it is available for the Games.

The inclusion of Games-related transport infrastructure projects within the BOPGA Act also affords those projects the provisions of the BOPGA Act to ensure they are available for the Games.

### Amendments related to the *Major Events Act 2014* in the Bill

To achieve its objectives, the ME Act amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Bill will give effect to a two-stage commencement for ME Act amendments:

- amendments increasing penalties for unlawful ticket reselling under existing section 31 of the ME Act will commence on assent of the Bill; and
- all remaining amendments to the ME Act will commence on a day fixed by proclamation, following the conclusion of AFC WAC26.

### Amendments to the *Racing Act 2002*

The amendments will implement the legislative component of Recommendations 3, 4, 77 and 88 of the Response by amending the Board appointment requirements by:

- replacing section 14 of the Racing Act to increase the total number of Board members to up to nine, with a minimum of three, and removing the industry and non-industry member delineation (Recommendation 3a). New section 14 also provides that members are appointed by Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister and provides for the explicit appointment of 3 members to represent each of the Board codes of racing (thoroughbred, harness and greyhound) (Recommendation 3e) as well as up to 6 other members;
- replacing section 15 of the Racing Act to provide the Minister's recommendation of persons for appointment and providing:

- i. that for a member appointed to represent a Board code of racing, a member must either have skills and experience in one of the Board codes of racing (thoroughbred, harness or greyhound) (Recommendations 3, 77 and 88);
  - ii. that for the remaining appointments, a person may be eligible for appointment if they live a rural or regional part of the State (Recommendation 3e); and
  - iii. expanded relevant areas of skills and appointment to include skills and experience demonstrating an ability to work collaboratively with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission and others to ensure the integrity of the racing industry in Queensland (Recommendation 3e);
- limiting tenure of the Board to provide that a member may not hold office continuously for more than 9 years at a time excluding the term of the appointment if that appointment is made during the initial term (12 months after commencement of the transitional provision), as well as providing that where practicable, the appointments must be staggered so that, where practicable, the terms of 3 board members end every year (Recommendation 3b);
- amending section 17 of the Racing Act to remove the reference to ‘deputy chairperson’ (which is provided for in new section 17A), and removing ‘non-industry’ which will allow any member of the Board to be appointed as chairperson on the recommendation of the Minister. This section also provides that the chairperson holds office for the term stated in their instrument of appointment as chairperson, but that it must end not later than their term of appointment as a member (Recommendation 3);
- inserting new section 17A to provide that, on the recommendation of the Minister, the Governor in Council may appoint a member to be the deputy chairperson of the Board, but only after the Minister has given the Board a direction to convene a meeting (under amended section 28) and the Board has voted to nominate a member as deputy chairperson (Recommendation 3c);
- amending the number of members required for a quorum for a meeting of the Board given the amendment in the numbers of members that could be appointed to the Board;
- amending section 25 of the Racing Act to remove the reference to ‘non-industry’ allowing any member of the Board chosen by the members present to preside at a meeting where the chairperson or deputy chairperson are absent from that meeting;
- providing that a member who is appointed as a member representing a Board code of racing may have regard to and act in the interests of the Board code of racing stated in the member’s instrument of appointment, while retaining the provision to ensure that a member may not act in a way that is contrary to the interests of the Board;
- making of transitional provisions to provide that persons appointed to the Board before commencement of the amendments are out of office from commencement and that no

compensation is payable, allowing for a new Board to be appointed in accordance with the amended criteria for appointment;

- making of transitional provisions to provide that any person who held office as a member prior to commencement of the amendments, the period of their previous appointment is disregarded from calculating the maximum appointment term of no more than 9 years successively, as well as providing that the term of appointment made during the initial 12 month period following commencement (the initial term) is also disregarded;
- making of transitional provisions to provide that the first year that the requirement to stagger members' terms of appointment does not commence until the year starting 1 January 2027;
- amending the definition of eligible individual in Schedule 1 of the Racing Act to allow persons who are members of industry associations to be Board members, as well as removing the definitions of racing-industry member and non-industry member; and
- making of any other consequential amendments to the Racing Act identified during the drafting process.

## **Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives**

### **Amendments to the *Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021***

Legislation is the most suitable approach to achieve the Government's commitment to deliver venues, villages and Games-related transport infrastructure required for the Games. These amendments build upon and give effect to the existing provisions in the BOPGA Act.

### **Amendments related to the *Major Events Act 2014* in the Bill**

There are no alternative mechanisms to stage the assent of the ME Act amendments proceeding under the Bill.

### **Amendments of the *Racing Act 2002***

As the Board is established by the Racing Act, there are no alternative ways to achieve the policy objectives other than by legislative amendment.

## **Estimated cost for government implementation**

### **Amendments to the *Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021***

No additional financial impacts are anticipated from the BOPGA Act amendments.

### **Amendments related to the *Major Events Act 2014* in the Bill**

There are no costs associated with the implementation of the ME Act amendments to be moved during consideration in detail.

### **Amendments to the *Racing Act 2002***

Costs to Government associated with the selection of new Board members will be met within existing budget allocations.

Costs associated with any increase in Board member numbers and increased remuneration will be met by the Board.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

### **Amendments to the *Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021***

Fundamental legislative principles were considered during the development of the Amendment Act. The proposed Amendments have sufficient regard to rights and liberties of individuals, are consistent with the policy objectives of the BOPGA Act because it proposes to only populate Schedules which were already established within the Act. Accordingly, no potential inconsistencies with fundamental legislative principles have been identified.

### **Amendments related to the *Major Events Act 2014* in the Bill**

The amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Bill are consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

### **Amendments to the *Racing Act 2002***

The Amendments to be moved during consideration in detail are generally consistent with fundamental legislative principles (FLPs). A potential breach of FLPs is addressed below.

The potential FLP inconsistency arises as to whether the legislation has sufficient regard to the rights and liberties of individuals as upon commencement of the amendments, any person who immediately before commencement held office as a board member, deputy chairperson or chairperson goes out of office with no compensation payable.

The Amendments provide for an expanded suitability criteria for board members, including skills and experience in thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing, rural and regional representation as well as an ability to support the board's integrity function. Further the Amendments had expanded the eligibility for board membership by no longer prohibiting persons with interests in licensed animals from holding the positions of chair and deputy chairperson.

While the Amendments remove all existing board members, the Amendments also ensure that any former board members are not disadvantaged should they be reappointed to the board by explicitly providing that should a former member be appointed, any time served prior to the appointment under the amended Act is to be disregarded for the purposes of calculating the maximum time allowable for consecutive service.

## Consultation

### Amendments to the *Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021*

In recognition of the significant funding commitment made by the Commonwealth Government towards the Venues Program under the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Intergovernmental Agreement to support the delivery of venues to be used during the Games, the Commonwealth Government was consulted during development of the Amendment Act.

Brisbane City Council supports the development of the new stadium at Victoria Park and has offered the surrender of its tenure to facilitate this. During development of the amendments, Brisbane City Council was consulted on the mechanism to achieve tenure vesting in the State.

In addition, the International Olympic Committee and the Brisbane Organising Committee for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, recognised for their critical roles in delivering the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, were also considered throughout the development of the Act and its subsequent amendments.

A consultation draft of the Bill was shared with Queensland Government agencies of Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Queensland Treasury and the Department of Sport, Racing and the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

### Amendments related to the *Major Events Act 2014* in the Bill

Consultation on the staged commencement of ME Act provisions in the Bill was not undertaken as these amendments are technical and machinery in nature rather than substantive.

### Amendments to the *Racing Act 2002*

Extensive public consultation was undertaken as part of the 2025 Review and the release of *On Track: Ensuring a sustainable and vibrant future for Queensland's racing sector*. The Review heard consistent feedback that inconsistencies with the Queensland racing governance model needed to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

External consultation on the amendments was not undertaken given the urgent need to effect the Government's Response to the Review and its commitment to reform the Board.

## Consistency with legislation of other jurisdictions

### Amendments to the *Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021*

The BOPGA Act is specific to the State of Queensland and is not uniform with any current legislation of the Commonwealth or another State or Territory. However, approaches in other jurisdictions for previous editions of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, including the Sydney 2000 and London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, were taken into consideration during the drafting of the amendments.

### **Amendments related to the *Major Events Act 2014* in the Bill**

Other jurisdictions, such as the states of New South Wales and Victoria, have legislation to regulate major events. The amendments related to the ME Act to be moved during consideration in detail of the Bill are specific to the State of Queensland and are not uniform with or complementary to legislation of the Commonwealth or another state.

### **Amendments to the *Racing Act 2002***

The Racing Act and proposed amendments to the Racing Act are specific to the State of Queensland and are not uniform with or complementary to legislation of the Commonwealth or another state.

## **Notes on provisions**

*Amendment 1* inserts a new clause 1A which provides that the following provisions commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation: section 1H, to the extent it inserts sections 53DFC and 53 DFD; part 2, other than sections 2 and 10(1A); and part 3A.

### **Amendment of Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021**

*Amendment 2* inserts Part 1A Amendments to the *Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021*

Clause 1B amends the *Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021*

Clause 1C amends s 5B (Other venues) by making a minor amendment of provision to include reference to updated Schedule 2 (Other Venues).

Clause 1D amends s 5C (Villages) by making a minor amendment of provision to include reference to updated Schedule 3 (Villages).

Clause 1E amends s 53AD (Functions) to provide that 'other venues' are only to be monitored by the Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority, when directed in writing by the Minister.

Clause 1F amends s 53DB (Definitions for chapter) by including a reference to updated Schedule 4 part 2 for Games-related transport infrastructure, transport infrastructure and local government road (with definition aligned to *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*).

Clause 1G amends s 53DC (Application of part) by inserting a clarifying amendment that development undertaken for a Games related use for a venue or the Brisbane Athletes Village may be utilised prior to the Games where practicable. This provides flexibility and supports the practical delivery of infrastructure in the lead up to 2032.

Clause 1H inserts new ch 3A pt 2A (Vesting of particular land) for the resolution of tenure requirements and vesting of land to the Games Independent Infrastructure Coordination Authority to enable the timely delivery of the new Brisbane Stadium and National Aquatic Centre. Insertion of new clauses includes;

**Insertion of s 53DFA (interpretation of part)**

This includes specifically definitions for ‘Land Act reservation’, ‘preserved interest’, ‘schedule 4A land’ and ‘vesting day’.

**Insertion of s 53DFB (Stage 1 land)**

Amendments provide for the vesting of land and parcels identified in new schedule 4A to GIICA as an estate in fee simple to facilitate Stage 1 of the development of venues in the area generally known as Victoria Park on 1 June 2026.

**Insertion of s 53DFC (Stage 2 land)**

Amendments provide for the vesting of land and parcels identified in new schedule 4A to GIICA as an estate in fee simple to facilitate Stage 2 of the development of venues in the area generally known as Victoria Park on commencement by proclamation.

**Insertion of s 53DFD (Stage 3 land)**

Amendments provide for the vesting of land and parcels identified in new schedule 4A to GIICA as an estate in fee simple to facilitate Stage 3 of the development of venues in the area generally known as Victoria Park on commencement by proclamation.

**Insertion of s 53DFE (Lodgement of plan of survey)**

Amendments provide that the chief executive must ensure a plan of survey for any land which is identified as a proposed lot in schedule 4A, part 4, is lodged before 1 June 2026.

**Insertion of s 53DFF (Effect of vesting)**

Amendments further provide that land identified in schedule 4A vested in this regard will extinguish current existing tenure and interests (unless preserved by the amendments). Clarifications of preserved interest and preserved reservation to capture any registration under the *Land Title Act 1994* which has occurred immediately before vesting. References schedule 4A land. The Amendments clarify that no fee will be payable by GIICA in relation to the vesting of land or the recording of particulars on relevant registers.

**Insertion of s 53DFG (Compensation)**

Amendments to clarify that compensation is not payable under the amendments, however, the amendments do not affect any compensation rights that a party would have had if the interest had been cancelled or terminated otherwise than under the amendments.

Clause 1I amends s 53DG (Definitions for part) by making a minor amendment to update reference clauses for the definition of *games project*.

Clause 1J amends s 53EA (Use of necessary Games Infrastructure) by making a minor amendment to update reference clauses relating to application of part.

Clause 1K amends s 53EF (Exemption from infrastructure charges under other Acts) by updating reference clauses.

Clause 1L amends sch 1 (Authority venues) by updating naming from “The Mill at Moreton Bay Priority Development Area”, to “Moreton Bay Central Priority Development Area” and amending of naming from “Barlow Stadium Park” to “Barlow Park Stadium”.

Clause 1M amends sch 2 (Other venues) by inserting the land titles for the Gabba Arena land, providing a description of the site or facility, and identifying the Games-related use and the legacy use.

Clause 1N replaces sch 3 (Villages) with amendments inserting the land titles for the Brisbane Athletes Village games land, providing a description of the site or facility, and identifying the Games-related use and the legacy use.

Clause 1O replaces sch 4 (Games-related transport infrastructure) with amendments inserting the definitions for the schedule, names and descriptions of Games-related transport infrastructure.

Clause 1P inserts new sch 4A (Vesting of particular land) which provides the description of land and title reference for stage 1 land, stage 2 land and stage 3 land and the inclusion of proposed lot for plan of survey as defined in section 53DFA of the amendments to support the provisions to the vesting of particular land.

Clause 1Q amends sch 6 (Dictionary) to include definitions, including for *active transport infrastructure, arena land, BAV games land, BAV legacy land, busway, busway transport infrastructure, general route service, Land Act, Land Act reservation, Land Title Act, local government road, preserved interest, public marine transport infrastructure, public passenger transport infrastructure, QTRIP, rail transport infrastructure, railway, schedule 4A land, State-controlled road, vesting day*.

## **Amendments relating to the *Major Events Act 2014* in the Bill**

*Amendment 3* amends the penalty provision for the offence of resale of tickets under section 31 of the *Major Events Act 2014*.

*Amendment 4* makes a consequential drafting change to Clause 10(2).

*Amendment 5* makes a consequential drafting change to Clause 10(2) removing superfluous text relating to the penalty units.

## **Amendment of *Racing Act 2002***

*Amendment 6* inserts a new Part 3A – Amendment of Racing Act.

Clause 33A provides that Part 3A amends the *Racing Act 2002*.

Clause 33B replaces the heading for ch 2, pt 1, div 3, “Membership” with “Division 3 – Composition”.

Clause 33C replaces sections 14 and 15 of the *Racing Act 2002* with the following sections 14, 15 and 15A.

New section 14 provides that the board consists of at least 3, but not more than 9 persons (each a member), with 1 person to represent thoroughbred racing, 1 person to represent harness racing and 1 person to represent greyhound racing with up to 6 other persons.

New section 14(2) provides that a member is appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister under new section 15.

New section 14(3) provides that an instrument of appointment of a member appointed under new subsection 14(1)(a), (b), or (c) must state the code of racing the person is to represent.

New section 15 provides that the Minister may recommend a person for appointment as a member only if satisfied that the person is an eligible individual (new subsection (1)(a)), the person is suitable to be appointed as a member (new subsection (1)(b)) and that the person satisfies the requirements under new subsection 15(3) for the appointment.

New subsection 15(2) provides that for new subsection 1(b) in deciding whether a person is suitable to be appointed as a member, the Minister must have regards to the following matters; the person's background (new subsection 15(2)(a)), the person's business reputation, if any, and character (new subsection 15(2)(b)), the person's financial background and current financial position (new subsection 15(2)(c)).

New subsection 15(3) provides that for new subsection 15(1)(c), the person must for an appointment as a person:

- to represent the thoroughbred code, have skills and experience in thoroughbred racing (new subsection 15(3)(a)).
- to represent the harness code, have skills and experience in harness racing (new subsection 15(3)(b)).
- to represent the greyhound code, have skills and experience in greyhound racing (new subsection 15(3)(c)).

New subsection 15(3)(d) provides that for an appointment under new subsection 14(1)(d), the person must either have skills and experience in 1 or more relevant areas; or live in a rural or regional part of the State.

New subsection 15(4) provides that in deciding whether to recommend a person for appointment as a member, the Minister must have regard to whether the person's skills and experience in the relevant areas will complement the skills and experience of the other members in the relevant areas.

New subsection 15(5) provides that for new section 15, a “relevant area” means, accounting, animal welfare, business, commercial and marketing development, thoroughbred racing, harness racing, greyhound racing or an area relevant to the function of the board under section 10(3)(f).

New section 15A provides information about the term of appointment. New section 15A(1) provides that a member holds office for the term stated in the member's instrument of appointment. New section 15A(2) provides that the state term must not be longer than 3 years. New section 15A(3) provides that a member may be reappointed.

New section 15A(4) provides that a person may not be reappointed for a term that would result in the member holding office continuously for more than 9 years at a time. This means, for example, that where a person takes a break in their service, any time served to date is to be disregarded.

New section 15A(5) provides that for applying new subsection 4, any period for which a person has held office as a member because of an appointment under section 19 (casual vacancy) is to be disregarded.

New section 15A(6) provides that, the terms of appointment of members, must be staggered so that, to the extent practicable, the terms of 3 members end every year.

Note - new section 235 provides for a delayed application of the requirement to stagger members' terms of appointment and new section 234 provides for other periods as member which are to be disregarded.

Clause 33D amends section 17.

Clause 33D(1) removes the 'deputy chairperson' reference from the heading of section 17.

Clause 33D(2) replaces the words 'appoint 1 of the non-industry members as' - with, 'on the recommendation of the Minister, appoint a member to be'.

Clause 33D(3) removes section 17(2).

Clause 33D(4) removes the words 'or deputy chairperson' from section 17(3).

Clause 33D(5) inserts subsections (4) and (5) into section 17. Subsection (4) provides that the chairperson holds office for the term stated in the person's instrument of appointment as chairperson. Subsection (5) provides that stated term must end not later than the person's term of appointment as member.

Clause 33D(6) is a technical amendment to renumber sections 17(3) to (5) as sections 17(2) to (4).

Clause 33E inserts a new section 17A headed Deputy Chairperson.

New section 17A(1) provides that the Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of the Minister, appoint a member to be deputy chairperson of the board.

New section 17A(2) provides that the Minister may only recommend a person for appointment as deputy chairperson if the Minister has given the board a direction under new section 28(2) and the board has given the Minister notice of its nomination of the member as deputy chairperson.

New section 17A(3) provides that the deputy chairperson holds office for the term stated in the person's instrument of appointment.

New section 17A(4) provides that the stated term must end not later than the person's term of appointment as member.

Clause 33F amends section 19(1) by replacing the reference to "section 15 or 17" with a reference to "section 14, 17 or 17A".

Clause 33G(1) amends section 20 by replacing the reference to 'section 14(1) or 17(1) or (2)' with a reference to 'section 14(1)(a), (b) or (c) or 17(1) '.

Clause 33G(2) removes the reference to the 'deputy chairperson' from section 20.

Clause 33H amends section 24 to provide that a quorum is a majority of the members at the time the meeting is held.

Clause 33I amends section 25 to replace the term 'non-industry board member' with member.

Clause 33J(1) amends the heading of section 28.

Clause 33J(2) inserts a new subsection (1A) into section 28 which provides that the Minister may direct the board to convene a meeting to nominate a member, other than the chairperson, for appointment as the deputy chairperson, and that the board must provide the Minister with notice of the board's nomination as soon as practicable after the meeting is convened.

Clause 33J(3) renames sections 28(1A) and (2) as sections 28(2) and 28(3).

Clause 33K amends section 41(8) by replacing the words 'is a racing-industry member' with 'holds office under section 14(1)(a), (b) or (c)'.

Clause 33L replaces the heading of Chapter 9 to be 'Chapter 9 Further transitional and validating provisions' and 'Division 1 Transitional and validating provisions for Agriculture and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2020'.

Clause 33M renames Chapter 10 (Transitional provisions for Betting Tax and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022) as chapter 9, division 2.

Clause 33N amends section 227 by replacing the reference to 'chapter' to 'division'.

Clause 33O inserts a new chapter 9, division 3, Transitional Provisions for Major Sports Facilities and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025.

New section 232 provides definitions for the division.

New section 233 relates to the vacation of particular offices and provides that it applies to a person who immediately before the commencement held office as either a member, or the deputy chairperson. Upon commencement the person goes out of office and no compensation is payable.

New section 234 provides that particular periods of time served as member are to be disregarded.

New subsection 234(1) provides that when applying new subsection 15(4)(a) to a person, the following time periods are to be disregarded:

- any time served on the board by the person immediately before the commencement of the amended Act and prior to leaving office under new section 233;
- any time served by the person during the initial period (which is defined in new section 234(3)).

New subsection 234(2) provides that the application of subsection 234(1) does not limit the application of new section 15A(5) to the person.

New subsection 234(3) provides that the ‘initial period’ (referenced in new subsection 234(1)) means the period starting on the commencement; and ending at the beginning of the day that is 12 months after the day this section commences.

New section 235 provides that the first year to which the requirement to stagger members’ terms of appointment is to apply is the year starting on 1 January 2027.

Clause 33P amends the meaning of some words in schedule 1, the Dictionary.

*Amendment 7* amends the long title of the Bill to include the *Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021* and *Racing Act 2002*.