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Editor's notes:

- In June 2011, the Parliament established portfolio based committees whose role includes the scrutiny or examination of Bills introduced into the Parliament.
- The Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services Committee has responsibilities in the portfolio areas of Attorney-General and Justice, Fair Trading, Police and Community Safety.
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Media Release

New civil proceedings rules and other law changes - call for public submissions

A parliamentary committee wants to hear your views on the Civil Proceedings Bill 2011 (the Bill). The Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services Committee (the committee) will examine the policy to be enacted by the Bill and the application to the Bill of fundamental legislative principles.

Public submissions on the Bill close on **Friday 14 October 2011**.

The Bill proposes a new Act to modernise and simplify the rules governing civil proceedings. The Bill also makes unrelated law changes to:

- allow incorporated associations to transition to the Commonwealth legal regimes for corporations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations;
- require the person in charge of the disposal of a body to electronically lodge a cremation or burial notice; and to prescribe requirements for crematoriums when labelling ashes;
- clarify a provision that allows electoral enrolment on the day before polling and to change the notice deadline to 6pm;
- allow electoral roll information to be provided to State departments and authorities on a discretionary basis;
- allow Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations to record details of proof of identity documents;
- allow a member of the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal to continue to sit after their term has expired in order to finalise a proceeding;
- require particular exit fees when a resident leaves a retirement village to be calculated on a daily basis;
- allow Queensland Government agencies to provide personal information to agencies of the Commonwealth and other States and Territories for law enforcement purposes.

The parliamentary committee has called for submissions to allow individuals and organisations the opportunity to have their say on the proposed legislation, and to assist the committee in forming any recommendations to the Parliament. The committee intends to hold public hearings at Parliament House in due course.

The Bill and explanatory notes can be accessed at
http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/Bill_Pages/Bill_53_11.htm

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