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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Crime and Corruption Commission

 **Hon. JP BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (2.11 pm): I rise to advise the House that I propose to introduce legislation today to give effect to, amongst other things, two separate reports delivered last year under the operations of the Crime and Misconduct Commission by the independent advisory panel comprising the Hon. Ian Callinan AC and Professor Nicholas Aroney, and the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee report consequent to the CMC's release and destruction of Fitzgerald Commission of Inquiry documents.

The aim of these changes is to create a new Crime and Corruption Commission and refocus the work of that commission on combating major crime and corruption activities. At the same time we propose reforming the upper governance structure of the organisation to give effect to the PCMC's recommendation in relation to the appointment of a CEO.

The government believes that the CMC has served the people of Queensland well in various forms since its inception. However, in view of the difficulties that emerged last year, it is time to bring the CMC into the 21st century. What may have seemed appropriate some 25 years ago is no longer necessarily appropriate to combat the changing face of crime and corruption which challenges our contemporary society. We cannot afford a rear-vision mirror strategy in our efforts to fight crime and corruption. We must make use of the best tools available. By refocusing the new Crime and Corruption Commission, we will put in place the best possible mechanisms to achieve this end.