

# Impact Analysis Statement

## Summary IAS

### Details

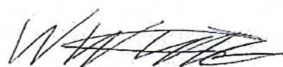
Lead department	Queensland Health
Name of the proposal	<i>Queensland Institute of Medical Research Bill 2025</i>
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<i>Queensland Institute of Medical Research Bill 2025</i> <i>Queensland Institute of Medical Research Act 1945</i>
Date of issue	May 2025

Proposal type	Details
<b>Regulatory proposals where no RIA is required</b>	<p>The <i>Queensland Institute of Medical Research Act 1945</i> (Act) provides for the establishment of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research (Institute) and the Council of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research (Council). The Council was established in 1945 as a statutory body responsible for the control and management of the Institute. The Institute focuses on a wide range of research areas, including cancer, infection and inflammation, mental health and neuroscience, population health, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.</p> <p>The Queensland Institute of Medical Research Bill 2025 (Bill) will repeal and replace the Act to create a modern and effective framework for the Institute, by inserting integrity, governance and procedural provisions found in modern legislation establishing statutory bodies.</p> <p>The Bill will address operational and administrative issues to allow the Institute and the Council to effectively discharge their functions and purpose, while maintaining high standards of transparency, accountability, and integrity. The Bill does this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• providing more equitable arrangements for the payment of commercialised incentive payments from the Council to persons who discover, invent, or make a significant contribution to the Council's intellectual property;</li> <li>• creating an obligation for the Council to immediately notify the Minister of matters that raise significant concerns about the financial viability, administration, or management of the Institute or Council;</li> <li>• allowing the Council or the Director to delegate their functions or powers to appropriately qualified staff of the Institute;</li> <li>• creating a legislative mechanism for the Minister to undertake criminal history checks on current and prospective Council members, placing an obligation on Council members to disclose changes to their criminal history, and making it an offence if a person with access to criminal history information discloses it in a way not permitted under the Bill;</li> <li>• allowing the Minister to appoint and remove Council members and prescribe the circumstances in which a person is disqualified from becoming or continuing as a Council member;</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• providing for general meeting procedures and requiring Council members to declare any material personal interest in a matter being considered by the Council;</li> <li>• allowing the Council to appoint an Acting Director for a period of not more than six months, with the possibility to extend for a further six months with the Minister's approval;</li> <li>• clarifying requirements for dealing with property gifted, devised or bequeathed to the Institute; and</li> <li>• making minor and technical amendments to improve the operation of the new Act.</li> </ul> <p>The proposal relates to the internal management of the public sector. No regulatory impact analysis is required under the <i>Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy</i>.</p>
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## Signed



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Queensland Health

Date: 1 May 2025



The Honourable Tim Nicholls MP  
Minister for Health and Ambulance Services

Date: 5 / 5 / 2025

