

## FACT SHEET

### *Health Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2019*

- The purpose of this Bill is to make a number of minor and technical amendments to the *Ambulance Service Act 1982*, *Food Act 2003*, *Mental Health Act 2013*, *Pharmacy Control Act 2001*, *Poisons Act 1971* and the *Public Health Act 1997*.
- Changes to the *Ambulance Act* update the definition of non-emergency patient transport to better reflect the current and expected scope of these services and to proportionately amend penalty provisions in the Act
- The Bill makes amendments to the *Food Act 2003* to primarily reduce red-tape. These amendments focus on unnecessary duplication and improved administrative processes.
- The Bill will permit a single state-wide notification of a mobile food business, rather than separate notifications in each relevant council. This supports the change to the *Food Act* in 2015 that extended single state-wide registration to all mobile food businesses.
- The Bill varies the fees provisions in the *Pharmacy Control Act* to provide a head of power to charge fees for pharmacy depots.
- The Bill includes a minor amendment in respect of poppy grower's licence renewals under the *Poisons Act 1971*. With the move from annual licences to licenses of up to five years duration, more late applications are likely to be received from poppy growers. Currently any late application after the expiry of a licence must be treated as a new application under the Act. The Bill will allow for a period of three months following the expiry of a license where a late application can be processed as a renewal of licence rather than a new application.
- Other changes correct erroneous cross references in Acts, update definitions and otherwise clarify wording in Acts to remove ambiguity from current provisions.