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Your Will and Enduring Power of Attorney

Public Trustee of Queensland, Peter Carne has highlighted the importance of everyone over the age of 18 obtaining a valid Will and an Enduring Power of Attorney.

'If the unforeseen happens and you do not have a Will it can place extra pressure on family members during a time of grief and stress and can result in time delays and increased legal costs,' Mr Carne said

'Your local Public Trustee office can prepare your Will free of charge and we provide safe and free document storage.

Additionally when you appoint the Public Trustee as your Executor you obtain extra piece of mind as we are experienced in all aspects of estate management.

'Another benefit is we charge a fee for service to manage deceased estates at very competitive costs, compare our rates and you'll see the difference for yourself,' he said.

The Public Trustee can also prepare your Enduring Power of Attorney while you have you have capacity to make your wishes known. By planning ahead now, you can name who you'd like to manage your financial, personal and health matters if you become unable to manage them yourself.

Mr Carne said it is important when nominating an Enduring Power of Attorney that the person you chose is trustworthy, accountable and will ensure your interests are protected.

'If you don't have a suitable person or persons to manage your affairs, you can nominate The Public Trustee as your financial attorney', he said

The Public Trustee has fifteen offices across Queensland.

Phone **1300 360 044** to make an appointment or visit **www.pt.qld.gov.au** for more information.