1. Australian Housing Ministers (State, Territory and Commonwealth) are establishing a consistent regulatory environment to support the growth and development of the not-for-profit community housing sector. This will contribute to a stronger business and governance environment for not-for-profit entities to partner with Government and the private sector, including financiers. Key features of this National Regulatory System include:
* agreed performance objectives and benchmarks against which registered organisations will publicly demonstrate their ability to deliver viable social housing services, and
* a mutual recognition approach, where State and Territory housing departments share information and avoid duplication of effort.
1. Each participating State and Territory will implement the scheme by introducing legislation that either applies, or substantially corresponds to (mirrors), model National Law made by the host State (NSW).
2. The Housing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 gives effect to Queensland’s participation in a National Regulatory System for Community Housing through:
* the National Regulatory System replaces and succeeds the existing jurisdictional approaches to registration and regulation of community housing providers
* Queensland will retain a form of State registration for local government providers to enable the national system’s standards to apply and to ensure consistent treatment of all community housing providers in Queensland
* Queensland will use a mirror law approach to implement the National Law
* Registration will be a legislated condition of funding provided by the Department of Housing and Public Works for the provision of community housing.
1. The Bill also makes minor building and plumbing amendments to introduce a red tape reduction initiative for relocatable buildings; address issues with licence renewals for building certifiers and pool safety inspectors; and facilitate the introduction of the notifiable works scheme, which will simplify the approval process for most plumbing work. A number of minor typographical errors are identified for correction.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Housing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 into the Legislative Assembly.
3. *Attachments*
* [Housing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012](Attachments/HousingOLAB12.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/HousingOLAB12E.pdf)
* [Intergovernmental Agreement](Attachments/Inter-Government%20Agreement%20August%202012.pdf)