1. The *Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003* (the WCR Act) allows large employers who meet certain criteria, including being financially viable and having over 2,000 full time employees, to apply to Queensland Workers’ Compensation Regulatory Authority (Q-COMP), to cease insuring through WorkCover Queensland (WorkCover) and self-insure their workers’ compensation liabilities under the WCR Act.
2. The amendments to the Criminal Law Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2012 (the Bill) will amend the WCR Act to provide the Q-COMP Board with the discretion to issue or renew a self insurance licence if they are satisfied that special circumstances exist that warrant the employer being issued a licence or warrant the renewal of a licence.
3. The amendments to the Bill will also amend the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* (the Industrial Relations Act)to:
* ensure that industrial organisations cannot avoid their obligations in regard to the requirements for spending for political purposes as provided in that Act; and
* remedy drafting errors and omissions made through the introduction of the *Industrial Relations (Transparency and Accountability of Industrial Organisations) and Other Acts Amendment Act 2013* (Industrial Relations Amendment Act).
1. In regard to the proposed changes to theIndustrial Relations Act,Together Queensland, an employee union representing public sector employees, is pursuing action to avoid the improved transparency and accountability measures introduced through the Industrial Relations Amendment Act.
2. Cabinet approved minor amendments to the *Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003* and *Industrial Relations Act 1999* to be included in the Criminal Law Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2012 through an amendment during consideration in detail in the Legislative Assembly.
3. *Attachments*
* [Criminal Law Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2012 - Amendments agreed to during Consideration in Detail](Attachments/Amendments.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes – for Amendments To Be Moved During Consideration In Detail](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)