1. In 2007, the State entered into the Queensland Clean Coal Agreement (the Clean Coal Agreement) with the Australian Coal Association Low Emission Technologies Limited (ACALET). This agreement was put into legislation in the form of a schedule to the *Clean Coal Technology Special Agreement Act 2007* (the Clean Coal Act).
2. The primary purpose of the Clean Coal Agreement was to give effect to the arrangement between the former Queensland Government and ACALET to work together on developing and implementing Queensland carbon capture and storage (CCS) projects that have the potential to facilitate substantial reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the use of coal in Queensland and Australia and in the overseas export markets for Queensland coal.
3. The Clean Coal Agreement also established the Queensland Clean Coal Council (QCCC). Under the auspices of the QCCC, state and ACALET representatives would come together to advise the former Premier on funding priorities to accelerate the development and deployment of CCS technologies to achieve reduction in GHG emissions.
4. The Clean Coal Act no longer fits current priorities to develop CCS technologies in Queensland. Given this, the government and ACALET have terminated the Clean Coal Agreement, and the Clean Coal Act is to be repealed.
5. The government has also developed a new policy statement on the way forward for CCS in Queensland in collaboration with ACALET, so as to demonstrate its continuing interest in the technology.
6. Cabinet approved the repeal of the *Clean Coal Technology Special Agreement Act 2007*, and the public release of the new Carbon Capture and Storage policy that ensures Queensland:
* continues to deliver leading practice regulatory frameworks for the future use of CCS in Queensland to ensure safe and efficient operations;
* delivers ongoing support to facilitate a portfolio of Queensland CCS demonstration projects;
* supports a comprehensive and collaborative approach to CCS development and deployment;
* facilitates the identification and development of CO2 storage sites; and
* works with industry partners to establish the social licence for CCS in Queensland.
1. *Attachments*
* [Carbon Capture and Storage Policy Statement](Attachments/Carbon%20capture%20and%20storage%20policy%20statement.PDF)