1. Severe drought and extensive wildfire across much of western and northern Queensland in early 2013 has resulted in the loss of fodder and extreme hardship for many graziers. Drought declarations are in place for 13 local government areas covering about a third of the state.
2. In addition to a range of drought relief measures already available to affected graziers, the Queensland Government is looking to provide for access to State owned lands for emergency drought relief grazing.
3. The *Nature Conservation Act 1992* is to be amended to allow for emergency drought relief grazing to occur on specified national parks until December 2013 or, if the drought conditions continue beyond this time, until such time as the relevant declaration of drought is revoked.
4. Cabinet approved that amendments to the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* be introduced and proceed as amendments to be moved during the consideration in detail stage of the debate of the Vegetation Management Framework Amendment Bill 2013 to allow temporary emergency drought relief grazing to be authorised on specified national parks.
5. Attachments
* [Vegetation Management Framework Amendment Bill 2013](Attachments/VegeMgmtFramwkAB13.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/VegeMgmtFramwkAB13_AinCE.pdf)