1. The need for the proposed *Electrical Safety Regulation 2013* (the 2013 Regulation) is due to the automatic expiry of the *Electrical Safety Regulation 2002* (the 2002 Regulation) under the requirements of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*.
2. A consultation Regulatory Assessment Statement (RAS) for the review of the 2002 Regulation was released for public comment between 28 March 2013 and 26 April 2013. The RAS outlined three options including that a replacement regulation be made with changes to reduce red tape and regulatory burden for Queensland businesses. A total of 1,038 submissions were received.
3. On 4 July 2013, following the RAS consultation period; the State Coroner handed down findings from the inquest into the former Home Insulation Program electrocution fatalities. The State Coroner made three recommendations, including one that sought the various options for the mandatory fitting of safety switches be further examined. As a result of the Coroner’s findings, it is not considered appropriate to progress the red tape reduction initiatives at this time.
4. The 2013 Regulation essentially remakes the 2002 Regulation; however, it includes changes to align it with changes to the *Electrical Safety Act 2002* (commencing 1 January 2014) and adopts certain provisions of the nationally agreed model work health and safety regulations for electrical safety. The 2013 Regulation retains Queensland’s existing requirements for safety switches and testing and tagging of electrical equipment.
5. Cabinet endorsed that the *Electrical Safety Regulation 2013* be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
6. Cabinet noted that the *Electrical Safety Regulation 2013* will be laid before the Legislative Assembly within 14 sitting days after publication in the Government Gazette.
7. *Attachments*
* [Electrical Safety Regulation 2013](Attachments/Reg.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)
* [Regulatory Assessment Statement](Attachments/RAS.pdf)