1. The Land, Explosives and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 (the Bill) amends nine existing Acts to enhance worker and community safety and security in the explosives and gas sectors; address operational issues associated with the overlapping tenure framework for coal and coal seam gas; enhance titling legislation; facilitate Indigenous people’s access to land; and update compliance provisions under the *Land Act 1994*.
2. Amendments to the *Explosives Act 1999* would: regulate the security of explosives; improve the administration of explosives licences and authorities; increase safety in the transportation of explosives; and strengthen explosives incident notification requirements.
3. The *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* would: revise safety reporting requirements so they are real time and support effective gas safety regulation; confirm an operator of operating plant can be a corporation or an individual; establish a transparent process for appointing approving authorities for gas devices; rationalise safety requirements for all fuel gas networks; align other safety provisions with Queensland’s mining safety legislation and general work place laws; and include provisions for managing abandoned operating plant.
4. Technical amendments to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* and the *Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014* wouldaddress operational issues identified by industry and the department in relation to the new overlapping tenure framework for coal and coal seam gas.
5. The *Foreign Ownership of Land Register Act 1988* (FOLR Act) amends the definitions of foreign person and foreign interest consistent with those used in the *Duties Act 2001*. Further technical amendments will generally up-date the FOLR Act.
6. Amendments to the *Land Title Act 1994* eliminates duplicate paper certificates of title, aligning Queensland with other jurisdictions.
7. The *Aboriginal Land Act 1991* and *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991* would reduce administrative and compliance burden in the granting of land to an appropriate entity; and allow for the setting of the sale price of social housing on indigenous land.
8. Amendments to the *Land Act 1994* would enable the safe and ongoing use of state land by providing modern compliance provisions and addressing dangerous, unsafe and inappropriate buildings and structures through improved tenure security for certain leases on regulated islands.
9. The Bill also amends the *Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act 2007* to continue the existing prohibition regarding resource activities on two properties on Cape York Peninsula following the recent transfer as Aboriginal freehold land.
10. Cabinet approved that the Land, Explosives and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
11. *Attachments*
* [Land, Explosives and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)