1. One of the Government’s Towards Q2 commitments is to support safe and caring communities. In line with this commitment, the Government announced significant gambling reforms during 2008 to reduce the potential harm of gambling in the community.
2. These reforms included a cap on club gaming machines to limit the proliferation of gaming machines in the state, a reallocation scheme for gaming machines under the cap and mandatory responsible service of gambling training for staff that perform gambling related roles in hotels and clubs.
3. The Bill provides for the implementation of these reforms and further provides for greater protection from the potential harm from gambling for vulnerable persons such as minors and problems gamblers.
4. The Government is committed to ensuring the integrity of the racing and gambling industries. The Bill provides for more effective regulatory processes to maintain the integrity of racing and gambling in Queensland.
5. Given the current economic climate, the Government is also committed to reducing unnecessary regulatory burden on industry and ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness of gambling regulation in Queensland.
6. The Bill facilitates reductions in regulatory burden by removing Rules for the conduct of gaming from subordinate legislation and by improving the clarity and consistency of gambling legislation.
7. Significant liquor reforms were also undertaken in 2008. These reforms enhanced the role of harm minimisation in the regulation of the liquor industry and increased administrative efficiencies.
8. The Bill continues these reforms by facilitating further minor harm minimisation initiatives, reducing unnecessary regulatory burden on industry and improving the clarity and consistency of the Liquor Act.
9. The Bill also provides clarity to the *Residential Services (Accreditation) Act 2002* to ensure certainty for the registration of aged rental schemes.
10. Cabinet approved the preparation of the Gambling and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2009.
11. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Bill into the Legislative Assembly.
12. *Attachments*
* [Gambling and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2009](Attachments/GambOLAB09.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/GambOLAB09Exp.pdf)