1. The *Mines and Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 2009* contains amendments to implement recommendations from the Ombudsman’s 2008 report - *The Regulation of Mine Safety in Queensland: A review of the Queensland Mines Inspectorate*.
2. The amendments will implement Queensland’s contribution to a significant national energy reform project, which has proceeded under the guidance of the Ministerial Council on Energy. The Bill supports the establishment of the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) under amendments to the National Electricity Law and National Gas Law.
3. Under the proposed amendments, regulatory control of the Mt Isa-Cloncurry electricity distribution network will be transferred from the Queensland Competition Authority to the Australian Energy Regulator. This transfer will occur at the same time as the Australian Energy Regulator assumes regulatory control of Queensland’s national grid‑connected networks on 1 July 2010. The amendments will maintain regulatory consistency across these major electricity networks.
4. The Bill proposes amendments to the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999, Electricity Act 1994, Gas Supply Act 2003, Electricity-National Scheme (Queensland) Act 1997, Explosives Act 1999, Mineral Resources Act 1989, Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999*, *Petroleum Act 1923, and Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004.*
5. Cabinet approved the *Mines and Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 2009* be introduced into Parliament.
6. *Attachments*
* [Attachment 1 – *Mines and Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 2009*](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Attachment 2 – Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Explan%20Notes.pdf)