1. New institutional arrangements are being implemented in South East Queensland (SEQ) to ensure the efficient and effective supply of water.
2. The *South East Queensland Water Restructuring Act 2007* established three statutory authorities to own the bulk supply, bulk transport and manufactured water infrastructure and businesses in SEQ. This Act also established the SEQ Water Grid Manager. These entities commenced operation on 1 July 2008.
3. The second stage of the reforms involves the establishment of three Council owned distribution and retail entities to provide water and wastewater services, replacing those undertaken by 10 Councils, and the Bill establishes these three new entities.
4. The consolidation of assets, functions and employees to the three Council owned entities will deliver significant benefits for customers, including:

* regionally consistent and guaranteed service standards;
* consistent billing; and
* improved complaints handling and independent dispute resolution.

1. The Bill enables the transfer of assets, functions and employees to the new entities.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction of the South East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) and Natural Resources Provisions Bill 2009 into the Legislative Assembly*.*
3. *Attachments*

* [South East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) and Natural Resources Provisions Bill 2009](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Ex%20Notes.pdf)