1. The South East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010provides the regulatory framework, including operational powers, to enable the three new council owned entities to deliver water and wastewater services to customers within South East Queensland from 1 July 2010.
2. The Bill enables the continued and effective management of water restrictions and associated water efficiency programs under the new regulatory framework.
3. The Bill also amends natural resource legislation administered by the Department of Environment and Resource Management to:

* strengthen the arrangements for the rapidly developing liquefied natural gas (LNG) industry by introducing an adaptive environmental approval regime for the beneficial use of produced water; discontinuing of the use of evaporation ponds as a primary means of treatment and disposal and provide new standards for the treatment of coal seam gas water;
* facilitate the first stage of the implementation of the Webbe/Weller review outcomes relating to the functions of the State’s 52 category 2 water authorities;
* improve dam safety and reduce the regulatory burden and improve the effectiveness of compliance and enforcement actions; and
* enhance and clarify reporting obligations of recycled water and drinking water providers concerning water quality and reduce the regulatory burden by transitioning responsibility for regulation of large greywater treatment facilities to the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002*, enhance regulation of high risk recycled water schemes such as dual reticulation schemes and make other operational changes.

1. Cabinet approved that the South East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*

* [South East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Exp%5b1%5d.pdf)