1. The Queensland Government’s Smart Regulatory Reform Agenda aims to reduce the compliance burden to business and the administrative burden to government by $150 million each year by the end of 2013.
2. The Department of Environment and Resource Management’s regulatory simplification plan includes the two year Reducing Greentape for Business project (Greentape Reduction project), announced in 2010 as part of *ClimateQ: Toward a Greener Queensland*.
3. The Greentape Reduction project has been established to streamline, integrate and coordinate regulatory requirements under the *Environment Protection Act 1994*, specifically for licences and approvals.
4. A key aim of the project is to reduce administrative costs to business and the government associated with environmental regulatory requirements whilst continuing to protect the environment for the community.
5. Administrative costs include those incurred through preparing and lodging applications, assessment, monitoring, data collection, reporting and compliance.
6. The four Greentape Reduction initiatives developed aim to:

* establish a licensing model that is proportionate to environmental risk;
* provide flexible operational approvals;
* streamline the approvals process for mining and petroleum; and
* streamline and clarify information requirements.

1. Cabinet approved the release of the discussion paper ‘*Greentape Reduction: Reforming licensing under the Environmental Protection Act 1994’* and accompanying regulatory assessment statement (RAS) for public consultation.
2. *Attachments*

* [Discussion paper - *Greentape Reduction: Reforming licensing under the Environmental Protection Act 1994* and regulatory assessment statement (RAS).](Attachments/Greentape%20reduction%20discussion%20paper%20and%20RAS.pdf)