1. The *Major Sports Facility Act 2001* governs the use of major stadiums in Queensland including Suncorp Stadium. *Condition 42* of the Suncorp Stadium Development Approval limits the number of sporting events at the stadium with crowds exceeding 25,000 to 24 per annum.
2. There have been 20 major sporting events (that is, with crowds exceeding 25,000) at Suncorp Stadium as at August 2011. Unprecedented success by Brisbane based professional sports such as the Brisbane Roar, Brisbane Broncos and the Queensland Reds, has meant that the current cap of 24 sporting events could be exceeded as early as September 2011.
3. The Major Sports Facilities Amendment Bill 2011 amends the Act to put in place transitional arrangements for the 2011 calendar year to allow an increase in crowd size from 25,000 to 35,000 individuals for no more than 24 major sporting events at Suncorp Stadium.
4. The Bill also amends the Act to provide that a regulation can be made to exceed the crowd size established in *Condition 42* of the Development Approval, should Brisbane’s sporting clubs be phenomenally successful again, and to provide for the growing popularity of these sports for spectators across the country.
5. Cabinet approved that the Major Sports Facilities Amendment Bill 2011 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Major Sports Facilities Amendment Bill 2011](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Explan%20Notes.pdf)