1. The Bill amends the *Electrical Safety Act 2002* and the *Electrical Safety Regulation 2002* to implement a new Electrical Equipment Safety System (EESS) within Queensland. This new system:
* Places obligations for safety on a *responsible supplier* who is the first point of sale (ie the manufacturer or importer) in Australia or New Zealand.
* Establishes a national register where all suppliers and certain higher risk equipment must be registered prior to equipment being offered for sale.
* Provides for risk-based classification of electrical equipment into three levels (high, medium and low risk), with proportionate conformance requirements for each level.
1. Other Australian States and Territories, and New Zealand, have all indicated their intention to use the Bill as either model or applied legislation to implement the new system within their jurisdictions.
2. The Bill also amends the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*, the *Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003* and other relevant legislation to provide for the removal of individual workplace agreements, clarify procedural and other requirements for Workers’ Compensation and Regulatory Authority (Q-COMP) appeals, give the Queensland Government a discretion to appoint a Queensland Workplace Rights Ombudsman (Ombudsman), allow the Ombudsman to undertake industry-specific reviews only at the Minister’s request, and finalise the transition of local governments to the State industrial relations system.
3. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Electrical Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 into the Legislative Assembly.
4. *Attachments*
* [Electrical Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)