1. The Government’s First 100 Day Action Plan included amending the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* to protect Queensland’s iconic dugong and turtle populations.
2. The Animal Care and Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 will repeal the current exemption from animal welfare obligations under the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island people who deal with animals in accordance with Aboriginal tradition or Island custom. This will bring Queensland’s animal welfare legislation in line with other states.
3. The Bill will also amend other provisions in the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*, the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities (Justice Land and Other Matters) Act 1984*, the *Aurukun and Mornington Shire Leases Act 1978* and the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* that currently also mean that animal welfare obligations under the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* do not apply to traditional or customary hunting of turtles and dugongs.
4. The effect of the Bill will be that those who are permitted to hunt animals, including turtles and dugongs, in accordance with Aboriginal tradition or Island custom must do so in a way that does not cause unreasonable pain.
5. The Bill will not remove any rights to hunt or otherwise deal with animals. The Bill will not extinguish native title hunting rights. The Bill will result in the regulation of how those rights are exercised.
6. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Animal Care and Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 into the Legislative Assembly.
7. *Attachments*
* [Animal Care and Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012](attachments/Animal%20Care%20and%20Protection%20Bill%202012.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](attachments/Animal%20Care%20and%20Protection%20Bill%202012%20Ex%20Notes.PDF)