1. The Queensland Government is committed to reducing red tape in the liquor and gaming industries.
2. In accordance with this commitment, the *Liquor and Gaming (Red Tape Reduction) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013* amends liquor and gaming legislation to reduce the regulatory burden, including:
* removal of the requirement for gambling internal control systems, other than in casinos, to be approved by the chief executive;
* removing the requirement to advertise liquor and gaming applications in the government gazette and newspapers;
* removing particular regulatory requirements (such as advertising and risk assessed management plans) for low-risk restaurant and café premises;
* removing renewal requirement for clubs and hotels with gaming machine licences;
* removing the need for a community liquor permit for low risk events (including raffles);
* exempting hospitals and nursing homes from requiring a licence for the supply of small amounts of liquor;
* streamlining reporting on club and hotel executives to one annual submission when payment of annual liquor fees is due;
* removing the need for approval of content, format and duration of training courses for casino employees; and
* introduction of ticket-in ticket-out technology in licensed gaming venues.
1. The amendments will allow Queensland hospitality and tourism industries to operate more efficiently, while maintaining safeguards to manage potential risks from liquor and gaming.
2. The benefits to industry through the reduction of the regulatory burden are likely to have broader benefits for the community by increasing industries’ capacity to employ more Queenslanders and provide services.
3. In addition to red tape reduction, the Bill includes miscellaneous amendments to liquor, gaming and fair trading, electrical safety, Treasury and courts legislation. These amendments of a minor or technical nature and will improve legislative clarity and integrity.
4. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Liquor and Gaming (Red Tape Reduction) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 into the Legislative Assembly*.*
5. *Attachments*
* [Liquor and Gaming (Red Tape Reduction) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)