1. The Land and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 seeks to amend the *Land Act 1994* to implement the first phase of major reforms to the state land tenure system arising from the Queensland Government's response to the Parliamentary report on the *Inquiry into the future and continued relevance of government land tenure across Queensland*. The Bill provides for:
* the introduction of rolling term lease arrangements for certain rural and tourism leases (including over state forests, reserves and national parks), with highly simplified lease renewal (extension) requirements;
* term leases move directly to freehold without first being converted to a perpetual lease;
* adjoining term and perpetual leases to be amalgamated under certain circumstances;
* enhancements to provisions for the protection of the state’s interests in commercial timber on leasehold land being converted to freehold;
* the repeal of the corporation and aggregation provisions which restrict eligibility to hold certain rural leasehold land;
* the repeal of the two per cent interest rate applying to rents deferred because of hardship;
* the relocation of provisions relating to the purchase price for freehold and land rental arrangements from the *Land Act 1994* into the Land Regulation 2009, with amendments to hardship relief provisions to enhance government’s response to hardship conditions; and
* the repeal of the provision which allows the forgiveness of deferred rent payment in favour of reliance on the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* to write of as a loss deferred rents where such action is warranted.
1. The Bill also amends:
* *Native Title Act (Queensland) 1993* - to enable the state to acquire non-native title rights or interests in conjunction with a native title compulsory acquisition under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1994*
* *Acquisition of Land Act 1967* - to remove doubt about the powers to acquire land for environmental and public purposes
* *Land Title Act 1994* - to broaden provisions allowing a more streamlined method of creating easements for particular high density developments
* *Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009*, *Water Regulation 2002* and water resource plans that regulate subartesian water - to exempt certain works from having to obtain two authorisations to undertake one activity
* *Water Act 2000* - to address unintended inequities in provisions dealing with the taking of water arising from reforms under legislation enacted in 2013, and to remove any uncertainty and confirm the validity of particular water licences in Queensland
* *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* and the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* - to provide certainty and flexibility to resource companies, in particular petroleum companies.
1. Cabinet approved that the Land and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly as soon as possible.
2. *Attachments*
* [Land and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)