1. The primary objectives of the Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 (the Bill) are to:
	* provide for the statutory appointment of a Rehabilitation Commissioner;
	* clarify and improve residual risk requirements to better manage the risks to the State from former resource sites; and
	* improve the operation of environmental protection legislation.
2. The Bill provides for the statutory appointment of a Rehabilitation Commissioner with specific functions, including defining best practice management for progressive rehabilitation and closure plans, and facilitating better public reporting about rehabilitation in Queensland.
3. The Bill further supports the Queensland Government’s Financial Assurance Framework Reforms by enhancing the residual risk framework and establishing a residual risks fund.
4. The Bill also delivers amendments to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* and Chapter 3 of the *Water Act 2000* to remove unnecessary provisions, address omissions and technical errors, and clarify and improve processes and regulatory tools.
5. Cabinet approved that the Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
* [Statement of Compatibility](Attachments/HRSoC.PDF)