1. On 8 April 2013, the Queensland Government announced its goal to strengthen school discipline as part of the Queensland Government action plan for Queensland schools: *Great teachers = Great results*. The aim of the *Great teachers = Great results* initiative is to lift standards of teaching and give schools more autonomy so they can get on with the job of providing a safe and supportive learning environment.
2. Action 15 of *Great teachers = Great results* outlines that discipline powers across the state schooling system will be enhanced.
3. The Education (Strengthening Discipline in State Schools) Amendment Bill 2013 supports the implementation of the initiatives to strengthen school discipline. The Bill will amend the *Educational (General Provisions) Act 2006* to support an increase in principals’ discipline powers and to streamline current processes surrounding discipline decision-making. The reforms proposed in the Bill are designed to provide Queensland state school principals with a greater array of discretionary powers to discipline students and enable quick and firm responses to inappropriate behaviour.
4. Cabinet approved that the Education (Strengthening Discipline in State Schools) Amendment Bill 2013 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
5. *Attachments*
* [Education (Strengthening Discipline in State Schools) Amendment Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)