1. The Local Government Reform Program was initiated in April 2007 to build stronger local governments of a size and critical mass to be better able to deliver on their long term plans for sustainability, viability and community service obligations as needed by their respective communities.
2. The *Local Government Act 1993*, the *Local Government (Community Government Areas) Act 2004* and associated regulations and standards will be replaced by a single, new local government Act.
3. The Bill’s streamlined size compared with that of the current Local Government Act is primarily due to a number of provisions being incorporated into other, more relevant statutes or being omitted altogether due to redundancy or duplication in other statutes.
4. Cabinet approved that the Local Government Bill 2008 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
5. *Attachments*
* [Local Government Bill 2008](Attachments/Local%20Government%20Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Local%20Government%20Bill%20EXPNOTES.pdf)