1. The proposed *Education and Training Legislation Amendment Bill 2009* makes a number of amendments to the following legislation administered by the Department of Education and Training:
* ***Education (Capital Assistance) Act 1993*** to provide that the ‘approved authority’ for a non-State school which applies for, and may be granted capital, is the school’s governing body, rather than requiring the Minister to declare a person or body as the approved authority, which does not occur in practice.
* ***Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act 2005*** to implement amendments suggested by the Queensland College of Teachers (the College). The College has been in operation for over three years and the Office of the College has identified a number of provisions that require clarification or where operational or administrative inconveniences have arisen.
* ***Education (Queensland Studies Authority) Act 2002*** to effect a minor amendment to reflect the enactment of the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians.
* ***Grammar Schools Act 1975*** to allow a donor or subscriber to voluntarily relinquish their status as a donor or subscriber by notifying the Board in writing.
* ***James Cook University Act 1997*** to facilitate the efficient conduct of elections of convocation members to the council and to implement other amendments suggested by the university that will enable more effective operation of the Act.
* ***Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000*** to give the Training and Employment Recognition Council power to cancel a qualification or statement of attainment issued in inappropriate circumstances, for example, by a Registered Training Organisation acting outside its scope of registration.
1. The Bill also amends the ***Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*** to enable the provision of a pre-Preparatory learning program in prescribed State and non-State schools. This addresses the legislative gap in relation to the provision by schools of pre-Preparatory learning programs in Indigenous communities, which has arisen as a consequence of the cessation of State preschool and the introduction of the Preparatory Year.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction of the *Education and Training Legislation Amendment Bill 2009* into the Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable, subject to minor drafting amendments, if required.
3. *Attachments*
* [*Education and Training Legislation Amendment Bill 2009*](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Exp.pdf)