1. The Environmental *Protection (Water) Policy 2009* is Queensland’s primary legislative instrument for managing water quality, and is subordinate legislation under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994.* The *Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 2009* delivers the object of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* in relation to Queensland waters.
2. The *Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 2009* (EPP (Water) provides a framework for:
3. identifying environmental values for waters
4. deciding and stating water quality guidelines and water quality objectives to enhance or protect those environmental values
5. making consistent, transparent and equitable decisions about waters
6. involving the community through consultation, awareness raising and education.
7. Environmental values for waters are the qualities necessary for aquatic ecosystem health and public amenity. These environmental values are protected from the effects of pollution by achieving water quality objectives—the measures for indicators of water health (for example the concentration levels of nitrogen and phosphorus).
8. Under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, *Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 2009* must be used to assess activities that might affect Queensland’s water environment. The environmental values and water quality objectives under the *Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 2009* must be considered in assessment processes and inform decisions about proposed activities that will release waste water to Queensland waters.
9. Cabinet decided that the *Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 1997* would be remade as the *Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 2009* and recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
10. *Attachment*
    * [*Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 2009*](Attachments/Sub%20Leg.pdf)