1. The exposure draft of the Aboriginal Land and Torres Strait Islander Land and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 amends the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991* and the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991* whichareadministered by the Department of Environment and Resource Management.
2. The proposed amendments will:
* replicate in the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991*, where appropriate, amendments made to the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991* in 2008;
* provide that land granted under the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991* is held for the benefit of Torres Strait Islander people particularly concerned with the land;
* provide options for resolving land tenure issues for Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal communities living on traditional Aboriginal land at Bamaga, Seisia and Hammond Island;
* strengthen the provisions relating to governance of land trusts under the Acts;
* reduce the number of organisations established in Indigenous communities by providing that bodies registered under the Australian Government’s *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSIA bodies) can be granted land under the Acts;
* ensure that development can readily occur on Indigenous land by requiring that prior to granting the land, under the Acts, appropriate arrangements are in place to deal with matters relevant to the use of the land;
* enable certain lands that can not readily be made available for grant under the Acts, because of an existing interest in the land, to become available to be dealt with if subject to a State initiated agreement with the interest holder; and
* allow an entity nominated in an Indigenous Land Use Agreement to be appointed to hold land under the Acts, without the requirement of further consultation under the Acts.
1. Cabinet approved the release of an exposure draft of the Aboriginal Land and Torres Strait Islander Land and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010.
2. *Attachments*
* [Exposure Draft of the Aboriginal Land and Torres Strait Islander Land and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010](Attachments/ilar_atsi_land_amend_bill_summary_doc%5B1%5D.pdf)