1. The Water and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010provides the regulatory framework for managing groundwater impacts on water supply bores and natural springs associated with the liquefied natural gas (LNG) and petroleum industry and for the supply of coal seam gas water associated with the LNG industry as recycled water that augments town drinking water supply sources.
2. The Bill also amends natural resource legislation administered by the Department of Environment and Resource Management to extend wild river protection to the Lake Eyre Basin rivers and protect landholders’ rights under property maps of assessable vegetation under the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* and make other operational amendments.
3. The *South-East Queensland (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) Act 2009* is also amended to provide for additional customer protection provisions and offences, and greater transparency of the water distribution retail entities’ operations in South East Queensland, including publishing of participation agreements and prices and charges.
4. The Bill also amends the *Energy Ombudsman Act 2006* to expand the existing Energy Ombudsman Queensland’s role to include water and wastewater disputes of small customers in South East Queensland. A new Customer Water and Wastewater Code will set the disputes which are able to be investigated by the new Energy and Water Ombudsman Queensland.
5. Cabinet approved that the Water and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Water and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory notes for the Water and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)