1. The Building and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 amends the *Building Act 1975* (Building Act), *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* (Water Supply Safety Act) and *South-East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) Act 2009* (SEQ Water Restructuring Act)to reduce red tape and save time and money in the assessment of building work over or near a sewer, water main and stormwater drain (relevant infrastructure).
2. The Bill also makes other minor amendments to building and plumbing legislation.
3. The amendments in the Bill include:
* removing the requirement for consent from a service provider prior to a private building certifier being able to issue a building development approval under section 83(1)(f) of the Building Act.
* amending section 192 of the Water Supply Safety Act to allow building work over or near relevant infrastructure to be assessed under the Building Act as part of the building assessment provisions without written consent from the service provider.
* amending the SEQ Water Restructuring Act to allow a distributor-retailer to delegate its concurrence agency power regarding applications for carrying out building work on lots with relevant infrastructure to the local government.

4. Through associated regulatory amendments, the legislative scheme will also:

* facilitate adoption of a new mandatory part of the Queensland Development Code which will provide assessment criteria for all building work over or near relevant infrastructure. This would allow this type of building work to be assessed against a consistent, state-wide standard, rather than under individual local government planning schemes or service provider technical documents.
* prescribe the relevant local government, South East Queensland distributor-retailer or other service provider as a concurrence agency to consider building development applications in certain circumstances.
* through the Building and Development Dispute Resolution Committees, provide an avenue for appeals on assessment manager decisions and concurrence agency advice relating to building over or near relevant infrastructure, with a limited right of further appeal to the Planning and Environment Court.

5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Building and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 into the Legislative Assembly.

6. Attachments

* [Building and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)