1. The Transport Legislation (Port Pilotage) Amendment Bill 2013 transfers the responsibility to provide and deliver port pilotage services for ports north of Brisbane (excluding Abbot Point) from Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) to the government owned port authorities.
2. The amendments in the Bill include:
   * providing that the provision of, or arranging for the provision of, pilotage services in specified compulsory pilotage areas is a function of port authorities;
   * providing a general obligation for safety in the provision of pilotage services for responsible pilotage entities and parties who have entered into a written agreement with them for the delivery of pilotage services;
   * provide that a harbour master may give a direction to a responsible pilotage entities and other parties who enter into a written agreement with responsible pilotage entities for the provision of pilotage services to provide pilotage services in a specified way;
   * authorising pilots to have conduct of a ship if they are employed by, or are acting under a written agreement with, the responsible pilotage entity responsible for pilotage services that compulsory pilotage area;
   * extending the existing immunity from civil liability scheme for pilotage to cover responsible pilotage entities and other parties who enter into a written agreement with responsible pilotage entities for the provision of pilotage services;
   * providing that MSQ may transfer pilotage fees to the responsible pilotage entities;
   * transferring the employment of pilots and pilot transfer crew to the relevant port authority or subsidiary;
   * transferring contracts associated with pilotage and pilots’ employment to the relevant port authority or subsidiary; and
   * making provision for the transfer of assets, leases, instruments and other matters to the relevant port authority or subsidiary by transfer notice.
3. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Transport Legislation (Port Pilotage) Amendment Bill 2013 into the Legislative Assembly.
4. *Attachments*

* [Transport Legislation (Port Pilotage) Amendment Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)