1. Queensland’s current biosecurity legislation is reactive, prescriptive and includes obsolete, overlapping and inconsistent approaches. It lacks the flexibility to enable efficient responses to Queensland's emerging biosecurity risks.
2. The Biosecurity Bill 2013 will deliver a cohesive legislative framework that provides flexible powers to respond in a timely and effective way to animal and plant diseases and pests. It will also ensure the safety and quality of animal feed, fertilisers and other agricultural inputs.
3. The Bill, through the general biosecurity obligation, will require all stakeholders to take an active role in managing and responding to biosecurity risks. It will protect Queensland’s primary industries, human health, natural environment and social amenity by establishing obligations in relation to reporting and dealing with matters that may otherwise have an adverse effect on them. It also establishes disease tracing obligations through the identification and movement of animals.
4. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Biosecurity Bill 2013 into the Legislative Assembly.
5. *Attachments*
* [Biosecurity Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)