1. Under automatic expiry provisions in the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*, the *Forestry Regulation 1998* must be remade. The Regulation was scheduled to expire in 2009 but its expiry was extended on the basis that provisions of the *Forestry Act 1959* (the Act) were under review. The Regulation is now scheduled to expire on 31 August 2014 and needs to be remade before then.
2. The relevant provisions of the Act have been reviewed and the Forestry and Another Act Amendment Bill 2014 contains necessary amendments to the Act that need to proceed before the Regulation is remade.
3. The majority of these amendments involve transferring specific provisions from the Regulation into the Act, in order to comply with modern drafting practice and to meet the fundamental legislative principles set out in the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*. Other amendments seek to achieve consistency with related legislation and simplify arrangements across areas managed by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, including amending the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* to introduce new renewal processes for commercial activity permits.
4. Amendments contained in the Bill fall into five broad categories:
* transferring officer powers from the Regulation into the Act
* inserting officer powers for the management of camping and animals
* achieving consistency in relation to maximum penalties for offences
* simplifying commercial activity permit requirements
* miscellaneous provisions to clarify the operation of the Act and achieve consistency with contemporary legislation.
1. As the proposed amendments relate to the management and use of State forests, consultation included HQPlantations Pty Ltd. HQPlantations Pty Ltd holds a 99-year plantation licence providing exclusive rights to manage plantation timber within specific State plantation forests.
2. The Office of Best Practice Regulation confirmed the Bill was not considered to place any additional regulatory burden on government, business or the community.
3. Following passage of the Bill through the Legislative Assembly, the Regulation will be re-made.
4. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Forestry and Another Act Amendment Bill 2014 into the Legislative Assembly.
5. *Attachments*
* [Forestry and Another Act Amendment Bill 2014](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)