1. The Queensland Heritage and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 (the Bill) progresses important reforms to support owners and managers of heritage places; streamlines the process by which places are entered in the Queensland Heritage Register, provides flexibility and additional power to local governments in how local heritage places are identified and managed, and ensures our unique heritage is conserved for all Queenslanders.
2. The Bill builds on reform of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992* (Heritage Act) achieved in 2008 and puts it at the forefront of heritage legislation throughout Australia.
3. The changes contained in the Bill draw on the results of wide-ranging consultation conducted on the discussion paper ‘Our heritage: A collaborative effort’ during May and June 2014 and summarised in a consultation report.
4. Key industry, community and state and local government stakeholders were consulted on the discussion paper and many made detailed submissions. Of the 48 submissions received, 11 were from individuals or community organisations, three from Queensland Government agencies, 21 from industry consultants and organisations, 12 from local governments and the Local Government Association of Queensland.
5. The Queensland Heritage Council - the statutory body established under the Heritage Act and given power to decide which places are entered in, or removed from, the Queensland Heritage Register - has been involved in the review process since it was initiated in the last quarter of 2013.
6. The Bill gives effect to the Government’s commitment to deliver greentape reductions while also maintaining appropriate protection of the state’s historic heritage places.
7. Cabinet approved introduction of the Queensland Heritage and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 into the Legislative Assembly.
8. Cabinet noted that the Heritage Act’s supporting regulation, the *Queensland Heritage Regulation 2003*, will be amended to give effect to amended provisions of the legislation.
9. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Heritage and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)
* [Consultation report on the discussion paper ‘Our heritage: A collaborative effort’](Attachments/Report.pdf)