1. The State Development and Public Works Organisation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (the Bill) implements the government’s election commitment to restore community objection rights removed by the *Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014* under the former government.
2. The Bill repeals section 47D of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (SDPWO Act).
3. Section 47D of the SDPWO Act prevented any objections to the Land Court being made about an environmental authority (EA) application for a proposed mining activity that has been subject to a Coordinator-General’s assessment.
4. The repeal of section 47D will importantly and immediately restore community objection rights relating to current and future EA applications for certain mining proposals that have been evaluated by the Coordinator-General, provided that no decision on the EA application under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* has been made by the administering authority.
5. The Bill also includes amendments to the *Land Court Act 2000* to provide clarity and certainty in relation to immunity for members of the Land Court regarding the nature and extent of the protection for members when performing administrative functions, reinstating the position that members had previously thought applied. In line with the existing immunity, the extended protection and immunity will also apply to judicial registrars, lawyers, agents and witnesses. The amendments will apply retrospectively.
6. Cabinet approved the introduction of the State Development and Public Works Organisation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 into the Legislative Assembly.
7. *Attachments*
* [State Development and Public Works Organisation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)