1. The Building and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 (the Bill) implements Sustainable Housing Stage 2 measures, miscellaneous amendments to the *Building Act 1975* (BA), facilitates the introduction of a Queensland Development Code part for Buildings in Transport Noise Corridors and the abolition of the Plumbers and Drainers Board. The BA, *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002* (PDA), *Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990*, *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, *Nature Conservation Act 1992, Land Titles Act 1994 and Sustainable Planning Act 2009* will be amended.
2. The Bill will implement the “ban the banners” Cleaner Greener Building election commitment, and the mandatory completion of a sustainability declaration at point of sale of homes which is a Sustainable Housing Stage 2 measure.
3. The “ban the banners” measure will stop bodies corporate and developers from banning energy efficient building elements such as light coloured roofs and solar hot water systems and from requiring certain design features such as garages and ensuites which impact on consumer choices and housing affordability.
4. The sustainability declaration is expected to promote the upgrading of existing homes and units, and assist sellers and buyers to understand how to make homes more sustainable, as well as the ongoing savings associated with sustainable features.
5. The Bill contains provisions to improve the current processes for addressing noise from identified transport corridors. This will greatly assist the development industry.
6. The role of building surveying technicians will be further expanded to improve career paths in the building sector, and take further action in response to the shortage of building certifiers.
7. Amendments to the PDA to replace the Board with the Plumbing Industry Council will be implemented through the Bill.
8. The Bill also addresses issues associated with animal management, the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal and miscellaneous improvements to the BA.
9. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Bill.
10. *Attachments*
* [Building and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2009](Attachments/BOLAB09.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/BOLAB09Exp.pdf).