1. The Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 implements regrowth vegetation protection to protect endangered regrowth vegetation and landscapes that badly need trees to perform their ecological function and address the tree clearing impacting on the Great Barrier Reef. It also makes a number of reforms to streamline and improve the administration of vegetation management in Queensland.
2. The Bill and Regrowth Vegetation Code regulates the clearing of specific regrowth vegetation on agricultural and grazing leasehold land and non-urban freehold and indigenous land, including:

a) areas with forest quality woody regrowth vegetation not re-cleared since 31 December 2009; and

b) areas with any native regrowth that are within 50m of watercourses in the priority reef catchments of the Burdekin, Mackay-Whitsunday and Wet tropics.

1. Landholders are able to clear within these areas without a development approval as long as the clearing is consistent with the code for the management of regrowth vegetation.
2. The streamlining reforms improve the administration of the vegetation management framework. In particular the reforms focus on reducing the number of clearing assessments, minor clarifying amendments, and simplify mapping processes. These ensure efficient and client focussed delivery of the vegetation management framework.
3. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 into the Legislative Assembly.
4. Cabinet noted the intention of the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade to approve the Regrowth Vegetation Code.
5. *Attachments*

* [Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2009](Attachments/VMOLA%20Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/VMOLAB09Exp.pdf)
* [Regrowth Vegetation Code](Attachments/regrowth%20vegetation%20code.pdf)