1. The National Classification Scheme (NCS) is a cooperative arrangement between Commonwealth, State and Territory governments underpinned by an Intergovernmental Agreement on Censorship and supported by a legislative framework comprising the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995* (Cth) (the Commonwealth Act) and complementary State and Territory legislation.
2. The relevant Queensland legislation for the NCS is the *Classification of Computer Games and Images Act 1995*, the *Classification of Films Act 199*) and the *Classification of Publications Act 1991*.
3. Under the NCS, the Commonwealth Classification Board has primary responsibility for the classification of material in Australia and the States and Territories are responsible for the enforcement of classification decisions.
4. In July/August 2011, the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG) agreed in principle to introduce an R18+ classification for computer games. The amendments to the Commonwealth Act to provide for an R18+ classification for computer games have been passed to commence on 1 January 2013. To enable the scheme to operate nationally, amendments must be made to the complementary State and Territory legislation.
5. The Classification of Computer Games and Images and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 amends the *Classification of Computer Games and Images Act 1995* to provide for the demonstration, sale and advertisement of computer games classified as R18+ in Queensland.
6. The Bill makes additional, unrelated amendments to:
* the *Classification of Films Act 1991* to transfer to the Director of the Commonwealth Classification Board the function of granting exemptions to enable the exhibition of unclassified films at specified events, such as film festivals;
* the *Neighbourhood Disputes Resolution Act 2011* toamend the short title of the Act*;* and
* the *Recording of Evidence Act 1962* to enable the outsourcing of the recording and transcribing of legal proceedings in Queensland.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Classification of Computer Games and Images and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Classification of Computer Games and Images and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012](Attachments/Classification%20Computer%20Games%20Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Classification%20Computer%20Games%20ExNotes.PDF)