1. The 2014 meeting of the Group of Twenty (G20) is to be hosted by Australia. Queensland has been nominated by the Prime Minister as the primary venue for the G20. A G20 meeting consists of a number of meetings under the G20 umbrella. From a Queensland perspective, the two most important of the meetings will be the Heads of State/Heads of Government meeting (Leaders’ meeting) to be held in Brisbane on 15 and 16 November 2014 and the Finance Ministers’ meeting to be held in Cairns on 20 and 21 September 2014.
2. In collaboration with other agencies, the Queensland Police Service (QPS) is responsible for providing security to G20 delegates and for meeting venues, accommodation venues, motorcade routes and any other event associated with a G20 meeting. The QPS is also responsible for ensuring that members of the public and their property come to no harm as a result of any illegal activities that may be planned by persons opposed to the G20 meeting. The *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000* contains insufficient special powers to sufficiently provide for the security of G20 events and the safety of delegates and members of the public.
3. The G20 (Safety and Security) Bill 2013 provides the powers required to ensure the security and safety of the G20 meeting, G20 events, G20 delegates, members of the public and private and public property with a minimum disruption to members of the public. The Bill includes the following police powers and provisions to promote safety and security for the G20 meetings and events:
* creating security areas including additional and emergency declarations;
* appointment of non-State police officers to perform policing duties in Queensland during the G20 meeting;
* establishment of a Prohibited Person List by the Commissioner of the QPS;
* exclusion by police officers of persons from security areas during the G20 meeting;
* power to remove obstruction objects from public places;
* search of persons, vehicles and premises provisions;
* discretion to close road, private accesses and waterways;
* creation of new offences applicable to the G20 meeting and events;
* presumption against bail for the limited period of the G20 meeting;
* confidentiality of information provisions; and
* limited disclosure of information by the commissioner.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the G20 (Safety and Security) Bill 2013 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [G20 (Safety and Security) Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)