1. The *Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2013* (the Amendment Regulation) amends the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008*, to give effect to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection (Greentape Reduction) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2012* (the Greentape Reduction Act), passed by Parliament on 31 July 2012.
2. The Amendment Regulation includes provision to delete 20 Environmentally Relevant Activities (ERA) thresholds benefitting over 9420 small business operators who will no longer be required to hold an environmental approval.
3. An extensive consultation process has informed which ERA thresholds were suitable for deletion.
4. These changes will save small business an estimated $6.18 million in annual fees, further contributing to the Government’s policy to reduce regulation and red tape by 20 percent.
5. The Amendment Regulation will reduce fees for small sewage treatment plants by half, saving 214 operators $0.34 million in fees per year. This amendment will assist operators who are mostly small businesses and the tourist sector such as bed and breakfasts (B&Bs) and caravan parks.
6. The Amendment Regulation will also make key changes to the *Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009* to support a number of changes introduced by the Greentape Reduction Act. The changes will reduce the number of referrals under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* jurisdiction.
7. Beyond the Amendment Regulation, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection will continue to work with stakeholders to develop codes of practice to assist business to comply with general environmental duty.
8. Cabinet approved that the *Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2013* be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
9. Cabinet endorsed the publication of the Decision Regulatory Impact Statement and Consultation report.
10. *Attachments*
* [*Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2013*](Attachments/Reg.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)
* [Decision Regulatory Impact Statement](Attachments/RIS.pdf) and [Consultation report](Attachments/Consultn%20report.pdf)