1. The Attorney-General is responsible for the administration of over 200 statutes. Periodically, these Acts are reviewed to identify amendments which are desirable for ensuring that the Acts continue to operate in the manner intended. Other amendments to legislation may be identified as a result of court or tribunal decisions or representations by administering agencies and stakeholders.
2. The Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 proposes miscellaneous amendments to approximately 30 Acts administered by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, including to amend:
* the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, *Coroners Act 2003*, *District Court of Queensland Act 1967*, *Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations Act 1991*, *Land Court Act 2000*, *Magistrates Act 1991*, *Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2009* and *Supreme Court of Queensland Act 1991* to clarify and improve provisions concerning the operation of various commission, court, tribunal and registry processes;
* the *Magistrates Court Act 1921* to provide authority to create stand-alone rules of court for proceedings under the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012*;
* the *Electronic Transactions (Queensland) Act 2001* and *Succession Act 1981* to implement model provisions to allow for accession to international conventions;
* the *Appeal Costs Fund Act 1973*, *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2003*, *Dispute Resolution Centres Act 1990* and *Guardianship and Administration Act 2000* to implement red tape reduction measures concerning boards and the mechanisms for appointments;
* the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*, *Legal Aid Queensland Act 1997*, *Legal Profession Act 2007*, *Recording of Evidence Act 1962*, and *Trusts Act 1973* to update or clarify definitions and references or make technical amendments; and
* the *Information Privacy Act 2009* and *Right to Information Act 2009* to clarify that the Information Commissioner may publish the name of declared vexatious applicants.
1. The Bill further proposes amendment to the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012,* which is administered by the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, to provide for the application of domestic and family violence protection rules of court to proceedings under the Act and to resolve the current uncertainty regarding the enforcement of domestic violence orders when two orders exist at the same time in relation to the same parties.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 into the Legislative Assembly.
3. *Attachments*
* [Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)