1. The Agricultural College Amendment Bill 2013 provides for amendments to the *Agricultural College Act 2005* (the Act) to restructure and rename the Australian Agricultural College Corporation and to replace the existing advisory board with a new governing board.
2. The Australian Agricultural College Corporation (AACC) is established under the Act as a corporation sole. As a Registered Training Authority, it delivers training and education services to agricultural and pastoral industries through industry vocational training at six regional centres and educational training through its residential colleges at Emerald and Longreach.
3. Since its commencement in 2005, the AACC has not operated profitably. In response to ongoing financial challenges, a review was undertaken in 2012 which identified areas of financial and management inadequacies. The review concluded that the AACC was not viable under its current governance structure and that reform of the AACC is essential if it is to continue to be a provider of vocational education and training to regional Queensland into the future.
4. This Bill makes significant amendments to the corporate structure of the AACC including restructuring it from a corporation sole to a statutory body and renaming it as Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges. The Bill provides for a more effective management and decision making structure by replacing the current AACC advisory board with a governing board that will have responsibility for financial and governance matters. The Bill also establishes college boards to assist in identifying and addressing training needs of the local agricultural and pastoral sectors and students to improve decision making and the performance of each residential college.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Agricultural College Amendment Bill 2013 into the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Agricultural College Amendment Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)