1. On 17 March 2016, the Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment introduced the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 into Parliament.
2. The Bill was considered by the Agriculture and Environment Parliamentary Committee, which tabled its report on 30 June 2016.
3. In its report, the committee was unable to reach a majority decision as to whether the Bill should be passed; however, the committee did agree on five recommendations:
4. The Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines explain to the House, during the second reading debate on the Bill, the consultation process for amending the self-assessable vegetation clearing codes including who was consulted.
5. The Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines provide an update, during the second reading debate, on the steps and timeframes to improve the accuracy of the vegetation mapping and proactive engagement with landholders providing them with updated property maps of assessable vegetation which correct any inaccuracies.
6. Removing the reverse onus of proof provision from the Bill in relation to vegetation clearing offences.
7. The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection engage with the property, resources and development sectors when assessing and establishing the full impact of the proposed amendments to the environmental offsets regime in Queensland.
8. The Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef, inform the House, during the second reading debate, on the outcome of the assessment of the impacts, including potential costs, of the proposed amendments to the environmental offsets regime and if any actions will be taken.
9. Cabinet approved the Government response to the Agriculture and Environment Committee report on the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.
10. *Attachments*
* [Agriculture and Enviroment Committee Report No. 19 on the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016](Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Government response to the Agriculture and Environment Committee report on the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016](Attachments/Response.PDF)