1. The Bill amends the *Public Health Act 2005* to implement a legislative framework that:
	* improves the management and control of health risks associated with the supply and use of water in hospitals and residential aged care facilities, in particular the health risks associated with *Legionella* bacteria; and
	* provides greater transparency of water testing activities being undertaken by facilities.
2. The Bill requires hospitals that provide inpatient services, and residential aged care facilities, to have in place water risk management plans that address the risks associated with microbes such as *Legionella* bacteria, other water-related hazards, and water security issues such as loss of drinking water supply.
3. The Bill also enables the Department of Health to request a copy of a water risk management plan, and to direct that a plan be amended if required.
4. The Bill requires facilities to notify the Department of Health within one business day if *Legionell*a bacteria are confirmed in a water sample, and to provide periodic reports to the Department regarding water sample tests undertaken in accordance with the facility’s water risk management plan. The Bill also enables the Department to publicise this information.
5. The Bill will initially apply to public hospitals that provide inpatient services; private health facilities licensed under the *Private Health Facilities Act 1999*; and aged care facilities operated by the State (including multi-purpose facilities). Implementation in the private residential aged care sector will be undertaken at a later date through a phased approach.
6. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Public Health (Water Risk Management) Amendment Bill 2016 into the Legislative Assembly.
7. Attachments
* [Public Health (Water Risk Management) Amendment Bill 2016](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)