1. The Local Management Arrangements (LMA) Project involves the potential transfer of up to eight of SunWater’s channel irrigation schemes to new entities that will be owned and controlled by the irrigation customers in each scheme.
2. In order to implement LMA, the Water (Local Management Arrangements) Amendment Bill 2016 will allow for the business associated with each channel scheme to be transferred from SunWater to the new companies which will become irrigator owned and controlled.
3. The Bill amends the *Water Act* *2000* to establish a framework which will allow for a range of actions to be carried out by transfer notices, signed by the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels, and Water Supply, and published in the Gazette as follows:

* the transfer of the businesses, assets and liabilities of each Scheme from SunWater;
* a power to transfer any employees whilst preserving all of their conditions, rights and entitlements;
* the issuing of any necessary State Government licenses, registrations, authorisation or approvals necessary to operate the schemes; and
* a capacity to ensure that the schemes have appropriate land tenure including perpetual leases, freehold title where appropriate, and easements.

1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Water (Local Management Arrangements) Amendment Bill 2016 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*

* [Water (Local Management Arrangements) Amendment Bill 2016](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)