1. The Queensland Government is delivering improved rehabilitation and financial assurance outcomes in the resources sector through a broad package of reforms. In 2016-17, the Government undertook a review of the financial assurance framework for the resources sector (Queensland Treasury Corporation was commissioned to undertake modelling and support the review). The review recommended the development of a new financial assurance framework and a range of complementary measures, including rehabilitation reforms.
2. A key milestone in the delivery of the reform package was the passage of the *Mineral and Energy Resources (Financial Provisioning) Act 2018* (MERFP Act) by Parliament on 14 November 2018.
3. To effectively implement the rehabilitation reforms introduced by the MERFP Act, subordinate legislation in the form of the *Environmental Protection (Rehabilitation Reform) Amendment Regulation 2019* (Amendment Regulation) is required.
4. Specifically, the key objectives of the Amendment Regulation are to introduce:

* regulatory requirements for Progressive Rehabilitation and Closure Plan (PRCP) schedule decisions; and
* the process and considerations for an objective assessment of a PRCP schedule.

1. Cabinet endorsed the *Environmental Protection (Rehabilitation Reform) Amendment Regulation 2019* be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
2. *Attachments*

* [*Environmental Protection (Rehabilitation Reform) Amendment Regulation 2019*](Attachments/Reg.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)