1. In December 2008, the Queensland Government announced the most comprehensive review of the State's swimming pool safety laws in nearly 20 years. An independent swimming pool safety review committee was then established and presented 23 improvement ideas to the Government for consideration. Following extensive public consultation, the Government adopted all the swimming pool safety review committee’s improvement ideas.
2. It is estimated that the pool fencing laws first introduced in 1991 have saved the lives of over 70 young children between 1992 and 2001. However, drowning and immersion injuries to young children aged under five remains a serious risk. A total of 35 young children have drowned in residential swimming pools in the last six years.
3. The improvement strategy is being implemented in two stages. Stage one applies to newly constructed swimming pools and took effect on 1 December 2009. Stage two will affect existing pools.
4. The *Building Amendment Regulation (No.4) 2010* sets out the fees and charges for administering the swimming pool safety system. The regulation includes:
* setting out the fees and charges required to fund the pool safety system, including licence fees for pool safety inspectors, course approval fees for pool safety course providers and a fee of $25 per pool safety certificate to be paid by pool safety inspectors.
* prescribing the minor works that can be undertaken by pool safety inspectors.
* other matters related to the effective function of the pool safety inspection system.
1. Cabinet endorsed the *Building Amendment Regulation (No. 4) 2010* be forwarded to the Governor in Council for approval.
2. *Attachments*
* [*Building Amendment Regulation (No. 4) 2010*](Attachments/Reg.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)
* [Regulatory Impact Statement](Attachments/RIS.pdf)