1. In 2006, the then Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport announced a review of the *Weapons Act 1990* (the Act) and subordinate legislation and established the Weapons Review Committee (the Committee) that considered submissions from the public, the weapons industry and the Queensland Police Service. The Committee identified over 440 proposals for legislative change to the Act, the *Weapons Categories Regulation 1997* and the *Weapons Regulation 1996*.
2. A significant number of sections have been moved from the Act into the Regulations. The Act and the Regulations have been renumbered and reformatted in the draft Weapons Bill 2010 to reflect a modern, easy to use style. Due to the close interaction between the­ Act and the Regulations, all three were reviewed simultaneously. The submissions considered by the Committee were summarised and collated into Drafting Instructions for the draft Bill.
3. The draft Bill 2010 aligns, wherever possible, national weapons legislation agreements and is comprised of a new structure that is unique to weapons legislation in Australia. The restructure details, by each licence and permit type, how a particular category of weapon or regulated item is to be acquired, possessed, used, stored, transported and disposed of and who may do so.
4. The draft Bill proposes:
	* prohibiting the possession and use of all automatic and self-loading rifles and automatic and self-loading shotguns other than in special circumstances;
	* limiting or prohibiting the possession and use of particular weapons and magazines;
	* establishing an integrated licensing and registration scheme for particular weapons;
	* requiring each person who wishes to possess a weapon under a licence to demonstrate a genuine reason for possession of the weapon and imposing strict requirements that must be satisfied for licences authorising possession and use of particular weapons and the acquisition and sale of particular weapons; and
	* requiring particular weapons and regulated items to be stored and carried in a safe and secure way.
5. Cabinet approved the tabling of a discussion draft Weapons Bill 2010 into Parliament.
6. *Attachments*
* [Discussion Draft Weapons Bill 2010](Attachments/Draft%20Bill.pdf)