1. The Aboriginal Land and Torres Strait Islander Land and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 (Bill) amends the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991,* the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991,* the *Local Government (Aboriginal Lands) Act 1978,* the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* and the *Petroleum Act 1923*.
2. Proposed amendments in relation to the Aboriginal Land Act and the Torres Strait Islander Land Act will:
* provide that land granted under the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991* is held for the benefit of Torres Strait Islander people particularly concerned with the land;
* provide options for resolving land tenure issues for Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal communities living on traditional Aboriginal land at Bamaga, Seisia and Hammond Island;
* strengthen the provisions relating to governance of land trusts under the Acts;
* reduce the number of organisations established in Indigenous communities by providing that bodies registered under the Australian Government’s *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* can be granted land under the Acts;
* ensure that development can readily occur on Indigenous land by requiring that prior to granting the land, under the Acts, appropriate arrangements are in place to deal with matters relevant to the use of the land; and
* enable certain lands that can not readily be made available for grant under the Acts, because of an existing interest in the land, to become available - subject to a State initiated agreement with the interest holder.
1. In relation to the *Local Government (Aboriginal Lands) Act 1978* (which applies to Aurukun and Mornington Shires), the Bill repeals redundant or duplicate local government and justice provisions and renames the amended Act (now dealing only with land matters unique to Aurukun and Mornington), as the *Aurukun and Mornington Shire Lease Lands Act 1978*.
2. The Bill also amends the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities (Justice, Land and Other Matters) Act 1984* so that its justice provisions apply to Aurukun and Mornington Shires.
3. Cabinet approved that the Aboriginal Land and Torres Strait Islander Land and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
4. *Attachments*
* [Aboriginal Land and Torres Strait Islander Land and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes for the Bill](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)