1. In January 2013, ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald and an associated monsoon trough passed over parts of Queensland and New South Wales over a number of days, causing widespread impact including severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes.
2. Following these disasters, the recovery and reconstruction of affected communities is an immediate priority. However, there will also be a strong focus on building Queensland’s resilience to future natural disasters, including improving the capacity of infrastructure to withstand flooding events.
3. The Queensland Reconstruction Authority Amendment Bill 2013 amends the *Queensland Reconstruction Act 2011* to enhance the legislative framework under which the Government will deliver its disaster reconstruction and resilience agenda.
4. The Bill includes amendments which expand the jurisdiction of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to:

* include the disasters of January and February 2013;
* provide the Authority with a stronger focus on disaster resilience; and
* extend the operation of the Act until 30 June 2015.

1. Cabinet approved that the Queensland Reconstruction Authority Amendment Bill 2013 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*

* [Queensland Reconstruction Authority Amendment Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)