1. Government is committed to reducing the regulatory burden on the liquor and gaming industry to support tourism as one of the four pillars of the Queensland economy.
2. In accordance with this commitment, the Liquor (Red Tape Reduction) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013amends liquor and gaming legislation to implement a number of red tape reduction and miscellaneous proposals, including:
* extend term of adult entertainment permits (AEPs) from one to three years;
* allowing approvals for AEP controllers to be transferable to multiple venues;
* exempt tourist operators supplying limited amount of liquor to clients as part of a tour;
* remove approved manager requirements for certain low risk premises, including licensed restaurants/cafes, small community clubs (2,000 members or less), community other clubs and restricted liquor permittees where the premises do not operate beyond midnight;
* remove approved manager requirements for licensed vessels;
* destruction of gaming machines without the Commissioner of Liquor and Gaming’s (Commissioner’s) written approval;
* allowing liquor licensees suffering significant financial hardship to pay annual fees by instalment;
* removing the requirement for licensees to keep a register of persons trained in responsible service of alcohol (RSA);
* allowing persons trained in responsible management of licensed venues to be recognised as RSA trained;
* reducing gaming machine licence application requirements that are prescribed in the *Gaming Machine Act 1991;*
* amendments to fair trading legislation, namely the *Roman Catholic Church (incorporation of Church Entities) Act 1994*, *Roman Catholic Church Lands Act 1985* and the *Security Providers Act 1993*, to reduce red tape, correct omissions and improve legislative clarity and integrity;
* amendments to the *Wagering Act 1998*, to give direct legislative authority under that Act for the Minister to extend the term of a sports wagering licence; and
* other miscellaneous amendments to liquor and gaming legislation.
1. The amendments will allow Queensland hospitality and tourism industries to operate more efficiently, while maintaining safeguards to manage potential risks from liquor and gaming.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Liquor (Red Tape Reduction) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 into the Legislative Assembly*.*
3. *Attachments*
* [Liquor (Red Tape Reduction) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf).