1. The Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (the Bill) amends the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008* (RTRAA) to facilitate a smooth transfer of public housing tenancies to Community Housing Providers.
2. The legislative amendments will enable a Community Housing Provider to capture Commonwealth Rent Assistance in the rent charged to a tenant, levy a bond or other service charges and require household information to be provided by the tenant. The amendments will also allow the Department of Housing and Public Works to levy a bond or other service charges on existing tenants.
3. The Bill also amends the RTRAA to allow the Department of Housing and Public Works and Community Housing Providers to act more swiftly and directly when serious and/or persistent anti-social behaviour is occurring in public and community housing.
4. The Bill also amends the *Queensland Building Services Authority Act 1991* to respond quickly to issues identified in the Inquiry into the Operation and Performance of the Queensland Building Services Authority (QBSA) tabled in Parliament on 29 May 2013.
5. The amendments in the Bill include:

* addressing the licensing requirements of section 42 of the QBSA Act to facilitate commercial development and removing restrictions regarding retention moneys for Public Private Partnerships (PPP).
* amending section 83 of the QBSA Act, to enable the QBSA to apply to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) for an order that it can continue to act in a building dispute while QCAT proceedings are on foot.

1. The Bill also includes important amendments to the *Guide Hearing and Assistance Dogs Act 2009* to promote and support the rights of people who rely on guide hearing and assistance dogs to access accommodation on an equal basis with others.

6. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 into the Legislative Assembly.

7. *Attachments*

* [Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)