1. The Local Government and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 proposes amendments to the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011* and the *Queensland Reconstruction Authority Act 2011*.
2. To ensure local government elections are run to the same high standards of independence and efficiency as state and federal elections, the Bill amends the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011* to ensure a local government chief executive officer cannot be the returning officer for a local government election. An exception will be made to provide for the Electoral Commission of Queensland to appoint a local government chief executive officer as the returning officer if the chief executive officer is the only person reasonably available in a community to perform the role with the necessary experience in conducting local government elections, provided the chief executive officer is not a member of a political party.
3. The Bill amends the *Queensland Reconstruction Authority Act 2011* to repeal the expiry date of 30 June 2015. This will allow the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to continue past this date to protect the disaster recovery infrastructure that has been built over the past five years and to ensure those communities affected by recent disaster events receive the necessary assistance in rebuilding and recovery.
4. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Local Government and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 into the Legislative Assembly.
5. *Attachments*
* [Local Government and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)