1. The Natural Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 amends 24 Acts as follows:
* to Queensland’s resources Acts to cap the overall life of mineral and coal exploration permits, provide greater flexibility for holders of exploration authorities to make decisions in response to exploration results and have sufficient time to explore the area prior to mandatory partial relinquishment.
* to the *Right to Information Act 2009* to protect CleanCo’s competitive interests in the national electricity market. Amendments to the *Electricity Act 1994* will enable making of a regulation to designate CleanCo as a ‘State electricity entity’.
* to the *South-East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) Act 2009* to validate infrastructure charges notices issued by Distributor-retailers and ensure consistency with the local government infrastructure charging framework under the *Planning Act 2016.*
* to the *Water Act 2000* to strengthen offence provisions and introduce new penalties to improve implementation of water plans. These amendments also deliver on Queensland’s work program under the Murray-Darling Basin Compliance Compact.
* to the *Water Act 2000* tofacilitate gender parity on the board of category 2 water authorities and modernise the selection and appointment process for directors. Other amendments, applying to both category 1 and category 2 water authority boards, remove ambiguity and unnecessary administrative burden.
* to the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Holding Act 2013* to provide a more efficient process for the transmission of leases granted under the repealed Aborigines and *Torres Strait Islanders (Land Holding) Act 1985* and the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Holding Act 2013*, where the original lessee has died intestate.
* to the *Land Act 1994* to improve administrative and regulatory efficiency in the areas of most appropriate tenure and use assessments; certain ministerial consent requirements; and the road closure process. Amendments will allow authorised persons to enter adjacent land to undertake compliance and management activities on difficult to access state land, support a new framework which makes requirements for subleases transparent, and provides an improved dispute resolution framework for existing and future subleases.
* to remove the requirement to create and table an annual report on foreign ownership under the *Foreign Ownership of Land Register Act 1988*.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Natural Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*
* [Natural Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)