

# **Agricultural College Amendment Bill 2013**

## **Explanatory Notes**

**FOR**

## **Amendment To Be Moved During Consideration In Detail By The Honourable John McVeigh MP**

### **Title of the Bill**

*Agricultural College Amendment Bill 2013*

### **Objectives of the Amendments**

The amendment to be moved during consideration in detail will correct a cross referencing error.

The *Agricultural College Amendment Bill 2013* (the Bill) substantially amends the *Agricultural College Act 2005*. The amendments provide for the restructure of the Australian Agricultural College Corporation and renames the entity as the Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges. The Bill also provides for corporate governance arrangements which have a greater regard for the agricultural training needs of industry and students.

As a result of these amendments transitory arrangements are required including the ongoing appointment of the corporation's board members. The transitory provision for existing board members to become members of the new board required the exclusion of the requirement that members be appointed by the Governor in Council.

During its consideration of the Bill, the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee identified a minor error in Clause 31 of the Bill, where the new section 67(1) provides for the efficient transition of board members. This new section includes a reference to section 17 of the Act. This cross reference is to be corrected to refer to section 23, to exclude the operation of section 23 to allow the appointment of existing members to the new board without the appointment of the Governor in Council.

The proposed amendment does not change the policy intent of the *Agricultural College Act 2005* or the amendments made to that Act in the Bill.

## **Achievement of the Objectives**

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending clause 31 of the Bill to omit the reference to section 17 in the new section 67(1) and insert section 23.

## **Alternative Ways of Achieving Policy Objectives**

There are no alternative ways of achieving the policy objectives.

## **Estimated Cost for Government Implementation**

The amendment will not incur any additional costs.

## **Consistency with Fundamental Legislative Principles**

The amendments are consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet has been consulted. Due to the minor nature of the proposed amendment no further consultation was undertaken.

## **NOTES ON PROVISIONS**

*Amendment 1* amends clause 31 of the Bill to omit the reference to section 17 in the new section 67(1) and replace it with section 23.