

## **Sustainable Planning and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012**

Comments from South East Queensland Catchments Ltd. (SEQC)

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### **Introduction**

South East Queensland Catchments Ltd (SEQC) is a regional natural resource management body. Membership of the company is drawn from rural producers, industry, government, Traditional Owners and the wider community.

The SEQ Ecosystem Services Framework aims to maintain and enhance social wellbeing by connecting wellbeing to where it is derived in the landscape. This linkage has been illustrated through maps that provide government and policy makers with land use planning tools.

The SEQ Natural Resource Management Plan (SEQ NRM Plan) establishes a collaborative framework to link regional natural resource management planning, investment and activities, to achieve a range of targets. The SEQ NRM Plan is the pre-eminent, non-statutory environment and natural resource management plan for the region. It articulates measurable targets for the condition and extent of environment and natural resources aligned to desired regional outcomes (DROs) and policies in the SEQ Regional Plan.

### **Comments**

SEQC acknowledges the LNPs support for NRM Regional Bodies and requests further support for action to achieve the targets in the SEQ NRM Plan. The targets in the SEQ NRM Plan are aimed at galvanising planning and action to maintain and enhance the productivity of our farming land, tourism industry and the communities they support.

The SEQ NRM Plan targets and related mapping could assist the single State assessment manager to have regard to state interests i.e. community interests at a regional level. SEQ NRM Plan targets that support the four pillars could be of particular interest to the government in any single SPP to assess state interests.

The targets are designed to support state interests and therefore provide a one stop shop for many of the interests included under the four pillars. The associated mapping products show where these interests exist in the landscape and can be used as a decision support tool to analyse potential impact of a development in a particular geographic area.