

FACT SHEET

THE TRADE MEASUREMENT (REPEAL) BILL 2010

The *Trade Measurement Act 1999* (Tasmania) is part of the national Uniform Trade Measurement Legislation (UTML) scheme which regulates trade measurement in Australia. Under this national scheme, amendments to the Queensland Trade Measurement Act are mirrored in other jurisdictions. In accordance with the UTML and Administration Agreement of 1990, states and territories are jointly responsible for the regulation of trade measurement.

In February 2006, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) identified trade measurement as an area requiring reform. Following a review of national arrangements, undertaken by the Ministerial Council on Consumer Affairs, on 13 April 2007, COAG agreed to establish a national system of trade measurement funded and administered by the Commonwealth. COAG further agreed that the Commonwealth's administration of trade measurement would commence on 1 July 2010.

On 8 December 2008, the Federal Parliament passed the *National Measurement Amendment Act 2008* to provide the basis for the Commonwealth's legislative regime, operating through the National Measurement Institute and included a commencement date of 1 July 2010. Transition to the new administrative arrangements has now effectively taken place.

Repeal of the *Trade Measurement Act 1999* is now required to meet Tasmania's COAG commitment to allow the national regulation of trade measurement to begin from 1 July 2010.

The Trade Measurement (Repeal) Bill 2010 effects the necessary legislative arrangements for the transfer by repealing the *Trade Measurement Act 1999* and the *Trade Measurement (Tasmania) Administration Act 1999* and establishes appropriate transitional arrangements.