1. Following the holding of the referendum on four-year fixed parliamentary terms (referendum) in conjunction with local government elections on 9 March 2016, various sources reported a number of voter concerns.
2. On 21 July 2016, the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills (Attorney-General) announced that a panel would be appointed to conduct an independent examination of the conduct of the referendum, the local government elections and the Toowoomba South by-election (held on 16 July 2016) over a three month period.
3. On 15 October 2016, the panel members were announced as former Brisbane Lord Mayor Jim Soorley (as Chair), former South Burnett Mayor, Wayne Kratzmann, and former Logan Mayor, Pam Parker.
4. The Panel commenced work on 7 November 2016, conducted stakeholder consultation interviews and research between November 2016 and January 2017 and provided the “*Inquiry report – A review of the conduct of the 2016 local government elections, the referendum and the Toowoomba South by-election*” (the Report) to the Attorney-General in March 2017.
5. Cabinet noted the content and recommendations in the “*Inquiry report – A review of the conduct of the 2016 local government elections, the referendum and the Toowoomba South by-election*” Report.
6. Cabinet approved the tabling of the Report and the Queensland Electoral Commissioner’s and the Government’s responses to the Report.
7. *Attachments*
* [*Inquiry report – A review of the conduct of the 2016 local government elections, the referendum and the Toowoomba South by-election*](Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Queensland Electoral Commissioner’s response to the Report](Attachments/EQresponse.PDF)
* [Government response to the report](Attachments/Response.PDF)