1. The Department of Environment and Resource Management developed a Single Process framework for water resource planning that improves the efficiency of the water resource planning process.
2. The Single Process framework streamlines the current water planning process through retaining the essential steps for development of a water plan and refining many resource-intensive processes.
3. The new framework allows for simultaneous development of both water resource plans and resource operations plans, including the concurrent release of both draft plans for receipt of submissions, and is a direct outcome of an independent review initiated by Government to improve water resource planning processes.
4. Cabinet approved the policy framework for the development of a single process for water resource plans and resource operations plans through amendments to the *Water Act 2000*.
5. *Attachments*
* [Status of water resource planning in Queensland (November 2009)](Attachments/Status%20of%20water%20resource%20planning%20in%20Qld.docx)
* [Summary of recommendations from the independent review of water resource planning processes](Attachments/Summary%20of%20Recommendations%20from%20independent%20review.docx)
* [Proposed single process framework flowchart](Attachments/Single%20Process%20framework%20flowchart.pdf)
* [Key differences between current and proposed single process planning frameworks](Attachments/Key%20differences%20between%20current%20and%20proposed.docx)