1. The issue of bunk bed safety gained prominence in 2008, following an inquest that year into the death of a child in 2002. The child died as a result of head injuries sustained when she fell from an upper bunk in a holiday rental unit.
2. The parents of the child raised issues with the Queensland Ombudsman about the coverage of safety regulations for bunk beds. As a result the Ombudsman recommended, among other things, that the Office of Fair Trading prepare a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) to consider the costs of and benefits of extending the 2002 mandatory safety standard for bunk beds to cover bunk beds used in the short-term rental accommodation industry.
3. The RIS examines options (including regulatory and non-regulatory) to reduce the risk of children being injured by the use of unsafe bunk beds in the short-term rental accommodation industry
4. Cabinet noted the public release of the RIS and the consultation period of at least 28 days commencing shortly after Cabinet consideration.
5. *Attachments*
* [Combined Bunk Bed Safety Regulatory Impact Statement and Draft Public Benefit Test](Attachments/Bunk_Bed_RIS.pdf)