1. The Community Futures Task Force (CFTF), established to address the impacts of the Government’s 2006 announcement of the Traveston Crossing and Wyaralong Dams, provides an unprecedented model of Government community engagement for Government sponsored infrastructure projects.
2. To ensure that key learnings from the CFTF model remain after this date, the CFTF Unit engaged the University of Queensland to independently review the effectiveness of the CFTF model and document lessons for Government on how to facilitate community engagement, particularly on Government-sponsored infrastructure projects.
3. The findings of the review provide some learning for Government on how to facilitate community engagement on Government-sponsored infrastructure projects. However, the "lessons from the CFTF model" are also informed by consultation on other Task Force models used within Government including the Cyclone Larry Operations Recovery Task Force, Biosecurity Queensland, Community Recovery Program, and the Immediate Response Plan.
4. The "lessons from the CFTF model" include to: understand community expectations; cover full project/event lifecycle; adequately resource; initiate early; build community trust over time; assist change management; work with community groups; define member roles and responsibilities; and articulate exit strategies.
5. Cabinet noted that an independent review of the Community Futures Task Force (CFTF) has found it to be an effective approach to engaging with communities affected by the Traveston Crossing and Wyaralong Dam proposals, and in providing cross-agency support for community change management.
6. Cabinet noted that the experience of the CFTF provides lessons on possible future approaches to engage with communities affected by Government-sponsored infrastructure projects.
7. *Attachments*
* [Terms of Reference: Community Futures Task Force](Attachments/TOR.docx)
* [Membership: Community Futures Task Force](Attachments/Membership.docx)
* [Review of the Community Futures Task Force, Queensland State Government (School of Social Sciences, University of Queensland)](Attachments/Taskforce%20Report.pdf)