1. In 2009, the Senate made a referral to the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee for an inquiry and report on the ‘administration and management of matters relating to Australia’s northern air, sea and land approaches in the region of the Torres Strait’ (the Inquiry).
2. Information for the Inquiry was sought primarily from those agencies which are part of the Queensland Torres Strait Treaty Inter-Departmental Committee (IDC). The types of issues relevant to the Terms of Reference of the Inquiry are regularly discussed by the IDC.
3. Through its Terms of Reference and related media, the Inquiry has recognised that the Torres Strait region represents a unique border situation. Effective policing and border control are central to border security in the Torres Strait.
4. The Queensland Government submission identifies opportunities to work with the Australian Government to address issues or concerns. In some cases, reference is made to the need for additional Australian Government resources, including multi-agency infrastructure, search and rescue capability, air transport, environmental health infrastructure, local government, tourism and broadband.
5. Cabinet endorsed a Queensland Government submission to the Australian Government Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee into matters relating to the Torres Strait Region.
6. *Attachments*
	* [Submission by the Queensland Government to the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee Inquiry into Matters relating to the Torres Strait Region](Attachments/Queensland%20Government%20submission.pdf)