1. The Queensland Government produces a significant amount of intellectual property (IP). Its value can be captured directly in commercial exploitation, reflected through the protection and/or enhancement of Queensland’s reputation, or be used to contribute to the public good. Where Government owned IP offers commercial value, it is critical to manage and protect.
2. The IP Policy Framework provides high level guidance and mechanisms to assist Queensland public sector agencies to identify and manage their Crown copyright and other IP. The Framework’s elements are the Queensland Public Sector Intellectual Property Principles, the Queensland Public Sector Intellectual Property Guidelines, the ‘Rewards for Creating Commercially Valuable Intellectual Property’ Directive, and the Intellectual Property Register.
3. The information and IP landscape has changed markedly in recent years. The introduction of Right to Information (RTI) legislation in 2009 and the implementation of the Government Information Licensing Framework (GILF) by the Queensland Government in 2010 have created a more open access environment for public sector information, with greater emphasis on transparency and ‘pushing’ information into the public sphere.
4. It is within this context that the Framework was reviewed to ensure its ongoing effectiveness in helping agencies manage their IP and relevance in this new open access environment with the changes introduced by RTI and GILF.
5. The changes to the Framework will improve coordination in IP management across government agencies.
6. Cabinet approved changes to the Queensland Government Intellectual Property Policy Framework.
7. *Attachments*:
* [Queensland Public Sector Intellectual Property Principles (incorporating IP assessment guide)](Attachments/IP%20Principles%20incorping%20IP%20assessment%20guide.docx)