1. Cabinet was given a presentation on the seasonal weather outlook by Mr Bruce Gunn and Mr Jim Davidson from the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM).
2. The BoM briefing included:
* La Niña indicators much weaker than at this point in 2010.
* A borderline neutral/La Niña summer is less favourable for widespread above median rain than last year’s rain.
* An above average 2011-12 fire season over much of Queensland.
* Average to above average number of spring/early summer severe storms in South East Queensland.
* Above average rainfall likely across Queensland in October to December period, particularly in the north of the state.
* Preliminary indications are for slightly above average number of tropical Cyclones in the eastern (Coral Sea) region in 2011-12.
* The chance of widespread flooding and above average cyclones is not as high as last year.
1. BoM will continue to closely monitor the seasonal outlook for any changes.
2. Cabinet noted the presentation by the Bureau of Meteorology on the seasonal outlook for Queensland.
3. *Attachments*
* [Presentation by Bureau of Meteorology](Attachments/Att%201%20-%20Bureau%20of%20Meteorology%20Presentation%20on%20the%20Seasonal%20Outlook%20for%20Queensland.PPT)