1. A flood mitigation manual sets out the objectives and operational procedures for a flood mitigation dam during a flood event.
2. The Final Report of the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry (the Commission) recommended that the Queensland Government should amend the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* to designate the Minister as the person who must approve a flood mitigation manual (Recommendation 17.10). The Report also recommended that the “assessment of flood mitigation manuals should be completed by a person with appropriate expertise who has had no involvement in its development, at any stage, and who can be seen to be independent of all individuals who were so involved” (Recommendation 17.11).
3. The Queensland Government amended the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* in November 2012 to provide the Minister for Energy and Water Supply with powers and responsibilities to consider flood mitigation manuals for approval. This responsibility was previously held by the chief executive of the administering department and authorised delegates in the Queensland Water Supply Regulator.
4. The establishment of the Ministerial Advisory Council for Flood Mitigation Manuals will implement Recommendation 17.11 of the Commission’s Report by formally appointing independent persons with appropriate expertise to consider and assess submitted flood mitigation manuals and provide advice to the Minister.
5. The key functions and responsibilities of the advisory council are to assess the compliance and adequacy of a flood mitigation manual against the requirements of the Water Supply Act and provide written advice to the Minister to consider when deciding whether to approve a manual. The advisory council, through its proposed membership and consultation, will also effect and facilitate stakeholder engagement with relevant local governments.
6. The advisory council membership includes appointees with relevant engineering and stakeholder engagement expertise, as well as representation from relevant local governments.
7. Cabinet noted the intention of the Minister to appoint:
	1. Ms Rowena McNally as chair to the Ministerial Advisory Council for Flood Mitigation Manuals for a term of five years commencing from the date of approval; and
	2. Mr William (Bill) Weeks, Dr Geoff Garrett AO, Mr Carl Wulff and Mr Steve Roso as members of the Ministerial Advisory Council for Flood Mitigation Manuals for terms of five years commencing from the date of approval.
8. *Attachments*
* Nil.