1. The Great Barrier Reef is important to all Queenslanders and is the ongoing focus of significant domestic and international attention.
2. The Queensland Government has demonstrated its commitment to reef protection and management by identifying it as a specific portfolio responsibility for the first time ever.
3. The Queensland Government has made a number of important election commitments related to the reef, and as a result, the Great Barrier Reef now stands a much better chance of avoiding being listed as 'in danger' by the World Heritage Committee in June 2015. To reinforce this position and further minimise the risk of an ‘in danger’ listing, implementation of the government’s reef election commitments needs to commence immediately, underpinned by strong coordination, clear accountability and a highly consultative approach.
4. Cabinet noted the establishment of an Office of the Great Barrier Reef in the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection to coordinate all Great Barrier Reef matters for the Queensland Government.
5. Cabinet noted that a Great Barrier Reef interdepartmental committee would be formed to ensure appropriate consultation and collaboration across agencies, chaired by the Director-General, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.
6. *Attachments*
   * Nil.