1. The Statement of Principles and Priorities for Cross-border Collaboration 2016-19 (the Statement) reaffirms and strengthens existing partnerships and collaboration between state and local governments, communities, business and industry groups and regional organisations, forged under the 2011 Queensland–New South Wales (NSW) Memorandum of Understanding on Cross-Border Collaboration (the MoU).
2. The new agreements – the Statement of Principles and Priorities for Cross-border Collaboration 2016-19 and the Annual Work List 2016-17 – were developed in consultation with relevant Queensland Government agencies and the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.
3. In the Statement, the Queensland and NSW Governments acknowledge the importance of each other in the border region and the importance of working closely and collaboratively to improve service delivery, build local communities and further develop the region economically.
4. The Statement provides a platform for the Queensland and NSW Governments to address issues relating to the border region, and work together on long-term key focus areas for border communities and regions.
5. The four key focus areas for 2016–2019 are:

* regional economic development;
* aligning services and sharing information;
* coordination of local transport services; and
* collaboration on issues of national significance.

1. The Queensland and NSW Governments are determined to work to the best of their abilities to address cross-border issues where they believe it is practicable and desirable to do so. The Statement reflects this intent.
2. Cabinet approved that the Queensland-New South Wales Statement of Principles and Priorities for Cross-border Collaboration 2016-19 be signed by the Premier and Minister for the Arts on behalf of the Queensland Government.
3. *Attachments*

* [Queensland-New South Wales Statement of Principles and Priorities for Cross-border Collaboration 2016-19](Attachments/Statement.PDF)