1. In April 2016, the final contractors’ Part 7 Synthesis report on the Lower Burdekin Catchment Development (LBCD) project was presented to the Queensland Government.
2. The LBCD project involved the following components:
   1. an assessment of the current and potential demand for new water and the operation of the water market;
   2. identification of how much surface and groundwater is available;
   3. an assessment of surface and groundwater quality and environmental considerations resulting from the use of additional water;
   4. an assessment of existing infrastructure and available water to assess capacity to meet the identified demands;
   5. identification of infrastructure and regulator/management options for improving efficiency and expanding water availability; and
   6. an assessment of the commercial viability of water development options.
3. The final project report identified considerable demand for new water allocations to expand agricultural development. However, it also identified that rising groundwater in the Burdekin Haughton Water Supply Scheme and water quality issues could limit agricultural production on some parts of the region, as well as impacting on the surrounding Bowling Green Bay RAMSAR wetland and the Great Barrier Reef.
4. Cabinet noted the contents of the Lower Burdekin Catchment Development project Part 7 Synthesis Report.
5. Cabinet approved that the Queensland Government report on the issue of rising ground water and run-off to the Great Barrier Reef.
6. *Attachments*

* Nil.