1. The Agriculture and Environment Committee has undertaken a review of the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme (DRAS) in accordance with its public accounts responsibilities under the Parliament of Queensland Act 2001. On 3 January 2017, the Committee tabled its report with five recommendations for the Government.
2. The Committee recommended that the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries develop an updated model for drought support, review certain aspects of DRAS should the scheme be retained after 2018, expand drought preparedness programs, and write to the relevant Australian Government Minister to seek assistance in developing export markets for macropod products.
3. The Queensland Government supports these non-controversial recommendations and the response to the report outlines the implementation of the recommendations.
4. Cabinet approved the Queensland Government response to the Agriculture and Environment Committee Report No. 29, Review of the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme.
5. Cabinet noted that the Government response would be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.
6. *Attachments*
* [Agriculture and Environment Committee Report No. 29, Review of the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme](Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Queensland Government response to the Agriculture and Environment Committee Report No. 29, Review of the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme](Attachments/Response.PDF)