1. The Queensland Government recognises the potential for economic growth and job creation arising from the global drone industry.
2. Queensland has an established industry presence in the use, design and manufacture of drones. More than 30 per cent of Australia’s growing drone industry is located in Queensland.
3. It is expected that almost three million drones will be produced in 2017, a 39 per cent increase from 2016. Potential drone market opportunities for consumer drones could reach US$17 billion by 2020, and the commercial and civil drone market could reach $13 billion by 2020. Queensland has an opportunity to build upon its existing technical expertise, its world-class research sector, and status as an innovation leader to benefit from the growth in this market.
4. A Queensland Drones Strategy will allow Queensland to take advantage of these opportunities to ensure that our industry can thrive, our research and development opportunities are maximised, investment flows into Queensland, important amenity and environmental values are considered, our communities benefit, and importantly, Queenslander’s rights are protected.
5. The Queensland Drones Strategy consultation paper was prepared to facilitate discussion with industry and the community about how to ensure that Queensland benefits from the growth in the drones market through a Queensland Drones Strategy.
6. Cabinet approved the release of the Queensland Drones Strategy consultation paper.
7. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Drones Strategy consultation paper](Attachments/Paper.PDF)