1. The North West Minerals Province (NWMP) is centred on the local government areas of Mount Isa, Cloncurry, McKinlay, Burke, Carpentaria, Croydon, Doomadgee, Etheridge, Flinders and Richmond, in Queensland’s remote north west, although the region also relies upon surrounding areas for services, transport and as feeder regions for drive tourism.
2. Metals production in the NWMP has been declining in recent years due to the impacts of commodity prices and in November 2015, the Government supported establishment of a NWMP Taskforce to identify issues affecting the mining industry, consult other stakeholders and plan a strategic way forward.
3. The final draft Taskforce Report, provided to Government in July 2016, has informed further work by government on measures to meet three strategic priorities, including:
* facilitating continued resources sector development;
* diversifying the regional economy and creating employment opportunities; and
* working with businesses and communities to deliver integrated government planning and services.
1. A whole-of-government Strategic Blueprint for Queensland’s North West Minerals Province (*NWMP Strategic Blueprint*) has been developed to implement the strategic priorities.
2. The Government will form a new regionally-based blueprint Implementation Team for the *NWMP Strategic Blueprint*, supported by strengthened government coordination arrangements in Brisbane. A permanent Stakeholder Advisory Committee will also be formed to inform blueprint implementation and development over time. A Futures Forum involving the committee and other leading thinkers is being planned for late 2017.
3. Cabinet endorsed the document *A* *Strategic Blueprint for Queensland’s North West Minerals Province: Supporting strong and prosperous regional communities (NWMP Strategic Blueprint)* and its public release.
4. *Attachments*
* [*A Strategic Blueprint for Queensland’s North West Minerals Province: Supporting strong and prosperous regional communities*](Attachments/Blueprint.pdf)