1. The Barrett Adolescent Centre (BAC) was Queensland’s only long-term residential mental health facility for adolescents at risk of suicide. Following the closure of the BAC in January 2014, three former patients died by suspected suicide, which led to widespread community concern about the processes and supports offered to patients around the closure. The Queensland Government established a Commission of Inquiry (COI) into the closure of the BAC in July 2015.
2. The BAC COI Report and the Queensland Government response were released on 18 July 2016. The Government response accepted all six recommendations of the BAC COI and in September 2016, the Government approved a detailed plan for implementation.
3. The Department of Health (DoH) led implementation of the Government response in collaboration with key agencies and the active engagement of consumers and carers, including those associated with the former BAC.
4. Cabinet noted the six recommendations of the Government response to the Report of the BAC COI have been delivered.
5. Cabinet noted reports regarding Recommendations 1 and 2 of the BAC COI.
6. Cabinet noted that implementation of key findings in relation to Recommendations 3, 5 and 6 that relate directly to the child and youth mental health services system will be overseen by a new inter-governmental Oversight Committee, chaired by the Department of Health.
7. Cabinet noted that in relation to Recommendation 4, to build a new bed-based facility in south-east Queensland, the 2017-18 Budget approved $68.2 million for a new adolescent mental health facility at The Prince Charles Hospital, two Step Up Step Down facilities in North and South Brisbane, and the refurbishment of two Day Program spaces at Gold Coast and Logan.
8. *Attachments*
* Nil.