1. The economy of the Wide Bay region is dominated by: health care and social assistance; retail trade; agriculture, forestry and fishing; accommodation and food services; and education and training.
2. There are increasing tourist numbers in the region and the Queensland Government has recently approved progression of key mining and energy projects.
3. The Wide Bay region is also the location for the Queensland Government’s focused efforts on leading or facilitating research in the agriculture and aquaculture sectors to advance long- term economic growth and sustainability.
4. The 2017-18 State Budget included a number of significant economic stimulus and job creation initiatives that will directly support up to 3,000 jobs in the Wide Bay region, including a focus on supporting young people into training and employment. This includes $649 million for infrastructure and capital works, estimated to support about 1,800 jobs.
5. Cabinet noted an update on economic conditions and key issues in the Wide Bay region.
6. *Attachments*
* Nil.