1. In April 2018, the Minister for Housing and Public Works, Minister for Digital Technology, and Minister for Sport established the Stadium Taskforce to review the pricing and practices of Stadiums Queensland (SQ). The taskforce was established in response to challenges faced by stadium hirers related to the costs of hiring SQ venues.
2. Whilst its work is ongoing, the taskforce has delivered its initial findings in an interim report to government to allow an appropriate timeframe for hirers and SQ to make decisions for the 2018/19 sporting season.
3. An important initial finding of the taskforce was that Queensland’s major sport facility portfolio is unique with significant major sports infrastructure built outside of the capital city, specifically on the Gold Coast and Townsville. The regional venues expose both SQ and hirers to additional costs due to their physical locations. Therefore, the interim report specifically focuses on issues at Metricon Stadium, Cbus Super Stadium and the new Townsville Stadium. Initial recommendations are also made in relation to the Gabba.
4. The recommendations seek to reduce the costs, and policy and operational impediments for staging sporting and other events at the state’s major sports facilities.
5. Cabinet approved the release of the interim report of the Stadium Taskforce.
6. Cabinet approved the Queensland Government response to the interim report, which provides that the Queensland Government supports or supports in-principle all of the recommendations of the taskforce.
7. *Attachments*
   * [Stadium Taskforce Interim Report](Attachments/Report.PDF)
   * [Queensland Government Response to the Stadium Taskforce Interim Report](Attachments/Response.PDF)