1. Amendments were made to the *Fisheries Act 1994* and the *Fisheries Regulation 2008* (the Regulation) for commencement in May 2019, in order to deliver on the principles and commitments outlined in the Queensland Sustainable Fisheries Strategy 2017-2017 (the Strategy).
2. The Regulation is due to expire on 1 September 2019 under the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*. The Regulation is proposed to be replaced with the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019* and the *Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019* to deliver a more strategic and modern regulatory approach to the management of Queensland’s fisheries resources.
3. In January 2019, Government released a paper setting out reform directions for some of the State’s most important fisheries – the trawl, crab and east coast fisheries. Subsequently, a discussion paper on proposed amendments to the Regulation and supporting impact statement were released on 20 June 2019 for public consultation.
4. The discussion paper proposed 102 amendments focussing on matters such as addressing long-term sustainability and profitability, undertaking urgent sustainability actions; standardising fishing rules and reducing red tape and removing unnecessary restrictions. Consultation closed on
19 July 2019 with almost 1000 responses with the majority of proposed amendments supported.
5. Two tranches of regulatory amendment packages are proposed to implement the fisheries reforms. The first tranche of fisheries reforms (for commencement on 1 September 2019) includes 39 out of the 102 proposed amendments delivered through the two replacement regulations. It also includes the *Fisheries (General) (Vessel Tracking) Amendment Regulation 2019* to implement the next stage of vessel tracking rollout to all remaining commercial fishing vessels (excluding charter) and a number of subsequent changes through the Fisheries Amendment Declaration 2019.
6. The second tranche (for commencement by 1 July 2020) of fisheries reforms will address the remainder of the proposed amendments including the more complex matters such as splitting fisheries up, setting sustainable catch limits for the commercial sector and allocating quota.
7. Cabinet endorsed recommending the *Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*, the *Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019* and the *Fisheries (General) (Vessel Tracking) Amendment Regulation 2019* to Governor in Council for approval.
8. Cabinet noted the *Fisheries Amendment Declaration 2019* to be made by the Chief Executive.
9. Cabinet approved the two tranches of proposed amendments to the fisheries subordinate legislation be exempted from further regulatory impact assessment.
10. *Attachments*
	* [*Fisheries (Commercial Fisheries) Regulation 2019*](Attachments/FishCommReg.PDF)and[*Explanatory Notes*](Attachments/FishCommExNotes.PDF)
	* [*Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019*](Attachments/FishGenReg.PDF)and[*Explanatory Notes*](Attachments/FishGenExNotes.PDF),and[*Erratum to Explanatory Notes*](Attachments/FishGenErr.PDF)
	* [*Fisheries (General) (Vessel Tracking) Amendment Regulation 2019*](Attachments/FishVessReg.PDF)and[*Explanatory Notes*](Attachments/FishVessExNotes.PDF)
	* [*Fisheries Amendment Declaration 2019*](Attachments/FishDec.PDF)and[*Explanatory Notes*](Attachments/FishDecExNotes.PDF)