1. In August 2017, the Queensland Government appointed an independent panel of water experts to undertake an independent audit of Queensland’s non-urban water measurement and compliance. This was following national media attention on issues relating to water management and compliance in the Murray-Darling Basin (MDB). The report from the independent expert panel was provided to the government in March 2018.
2. The Murray-Darling Basin Authority also led an independent review of water compliance across all basin states. This report was released in November 2017. From this report the Murray-Darling Basin Compliance Compact was formed by basin states and the Commonwealth to deliver on actions to improve water measurement and compliance across the Murray-Darling Basin.
3. In June 2018, the Queensland Government published its response to the Independent Audit of Queensland Non-Urban Water Measurement and Compliance and the Murray-Darling Basin Compliance Compact.
4. In its response to the independent audit and the MDB Compliance Compact, the Queensland Government committed to reviewing its metering policy and delivery model. Proposals for a new draft non-urban water measurement policy have been developed and are supported by new proposed standards to strengthen meter accuracy and validation. The draft policy proposals address the recommendations of the independent audit to improve both water measurement, compliance, and increased transparency of water information for water users and the community.
5. Cabinet approved that the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy undertake stakeholder and public consultation on the draft Queensland non-urban water measurement policy proposals and delivery model.
6. *Attachments*
   * [Draft Queensland non-urban water measurement policy consultation paper](Attachments/Paper.PDF)