1. The Inspector-General Emergency Management (IGEM) undertook a review of the effectiveness of Queensland’s disaster management system in preparing for and responding to the major bushfires and heatwave that occurred in November and December 2018.
2. The review sought feedback from a wide variety of stakeholders including from disaster management agencies, local government, non-government organisations and impacted community members.
3. Overall, the review found that heatwaves were well managed and that the firefighting response was exceptional.
4. The Review Report contains 23 recommendations and 55 findings to guide future actions for response to hazard-specific events.
5. Of the 23 recommendations, the Queensland Government accepted 15 recommendations and eight recommendations were accepted-in-principle.
6. Cabinet noted the review undertaken by the Inspector-General Emergency Management of the 2018 Queensland Bushfires.
7. Cabinet endorsed the Queensland Government Response to the 2018 Queensland Bushfires Review Report 2: 2018-19.
8. Cabinet noted the Review Report and Queensland Government Response would be tabled in the Queensland Parliament.
9. *Attachments*
* [Review by the Inspector-General Emergency Management – The 2018 Queensland Bushfires Review Report 2: 2018-2019](Attachments/Report.PDF)
* [Queensland Government Response](Attachments/Response.PDF)