1. From late January to mid-February 2019, a monsoonal trough generated exceptional rainfall and flooding across much of northern Queensland.
2. This extraordinary event resulted in disaster declarations in 37 local government areas and activation of Queensland’s disaster management arrangements.
3. The extent of the disaster meant data to inform a full economic assessment of its impact was yet to be obtained. However, it was clear from preliminary assessment the event would have significant and ongoing economic impacts on the region and the state.
4. Initial analysis suggested damages and losses to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars, with impact focused on the agriculture, resources, tourism and small business sectors, and significant additional damage to residential capital and public infrastructure.
5. Cabinet noted progress to date on supporting economic recovery in regions impacted by the monsoon trough and the economic recovery priorities to be progressed for inclusion in the state recovery plan being developed by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority for this disaster event.
6. *Attachments*
* Nil.